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Births.

ALLEN.—January 29, at her residence, Akaroa, Tremoney-street, the wife of George Boyce Allen of a daughter.

HITCHCOCK.—January 19, at Oomoobah, John-street, Stanmore, the wife of J. H. Hitchcock, of a son.

Marriages.

HARRIS—M'DONALD.—January 4, at St. Paul's Church, Balmain, by the Rev. G. Grimm, M.A., Josiah Harris, Harranna, Gunning, to Margaret S., elder daughter of James M'Donald, Thames-street, Balmain.

HIATT—WISEMAN.—February 3, at St. Barnabas', by the Rev. W. Martin, Charles Edward, eldest son of Mathew Hiatt, Kaiapoi, New Zealand, to Maude Ina Addie, eldest daughter of Henry Parker Wiseman, Redfern.

Deaths.

BARTLETT.—February 2, 1897, at the residence of his son, Henry Bartlett, George-street, Enfield, George Bartlett, in his 82nd year.

COUVREUR.—February 3, at Chambly, Ferry-road, Glebe Point, Paul Couvreur (wool buyer), aged 36 years. Born at Tourcoing, France.

DONNAN.—February 3, at her residence, Macquarie-street, Liverpool, Catherine, the beloved wife of John S. Donnan, and beloved mother of H. Donnan, of the late Australian Eleven, aged 62 years.

DUNN.—February 2, 1897, at his residence, Punchbowl-road, Enfield, William Dunn, from gunshot wound, aged 60 years; born at Bolton, Lancashire, England. Funeral this (Thursday) morning.

FLOOD.—At his residence, Kensington, 57 Norwood-street, Petersham, George, dearly-beloved husband of Mary Flood, and eldest son of the late Hon. E. Flood, M.L.C., aged 67 years.

In Memoriam.

BUTTENSHAW.—In loving remembrance of our darling Minnie, who departed this life the 4th February, 1895. Inserted by her loving parents, William and Jane Buttenshaw.

DEVINE.—In loving memory of my dear son Arthur, who died at Kurrajong February 4th, 1896, aged 20 years. Inserted by his sorrowing mother, Elizabeth Devine.

DUNSHEA.—In loving remembrance of our dear son Frank, who departed this life February 4th, 1896, at his residence, 8 Dorris-street, North Sydney. "Brief life is here our portion." Inserted by his affectionate mother and father.

DUNSHEA.—In sad but loving memory of my dear husband, Francis William Dunshea, who died 4th February, 1896. Inserted by his loving wife and three little ones.

MILLER.—In loving remembrance of my dear husband, who departed this life February 4, 1893.

There is a spot not far away
Where my dear husband sleeps,
Who seems alive but yesterday,
So fresh his memory keeps.

Inserted by his loving wife, M. Miller.

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*China	[illegible]	P. Harris	Feb. 17	Feb. 20	Feb. 24
*Massilia	[illegible]	P. Harvey	Feb. 27	Mar. 6	Mar. 10
*Arcadia	[illegible]	A. C. Loggin	Mar. 13	Mar. 20	Mar. 24
*Parramatta	[illegible]	C. F. Preston	Mar. 27	April 3	April 7
*Ballaarat	[illegible]	T. S. Angus	April 10	April 17	April 21
Rome	5545	A. B. Daniell	April 24	May 1	May 5
Himalaya	[illegible]	A. W. Adamson	May 10	May 15	May 19

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Steamer.	Commander.	Tons.	Leave Sydney 1 p.m. 1897.	Leave Melbourne 1897.	Leave Adelaide 1897.
P. R. Luitpold	H. Walter	[illegible]	Feb. 24	March 2	Mar. 6
Barbarossa	A. Richter	[illegible]	Mar. 24	Mar. 30	April 3
Gera	V. Schuckmann	[illegible]	April 21	April 28	May 1

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*AUSTRAL	5524 „	J. F. Anderson	Mar. 20
*OROTAVA	5552 „	I. Linklater	April 3
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THERMOPYLÆ	A. Simpson	[illegible]	Mar. 26
ABERDEEN	A. T. Wills	[illegible]	April 30
AUSTRALASIAN	T. F. Spalding	[illegible]	May 14
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ALBANY FREMANTLE GERALDTON	Brand, Sat., Feb. 6, 2 p.m. (no transhipment). See special advertisement. Buninyong, from Melbourne, Sat., Feb. 6.
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ADELAIDE	Wodonga, Tuesday, 3 p.m., Feb. 9
ALBANY FREMANTLE GERALDTON	Wodonga, Tues., 3 p.m., Feb. 9. Barcoo, Wednesday, Feb. 17. (See Special Advt. below.)
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BRISBANE	Fitzroy, Friday, 11 p.m., Feb. 5 Aramac, Tues., 5 p.m., Feb. 9
MARYBOROUGH	Fitzroy, Friday, 11 p.m., Feb. 5.
BUNDABERG	Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Feb. 9.
GLADSTONE	Fitzroy, Friday, 11 p.m., Feb. 5
ROCKHAMPTON	Fitzroy, Friday, 11 p.m., Feb. 5 Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Feb. 9
BROADSOUND	Fitzroy, Friday, 11 p.m., Feb. 5
MACKAY BOWEN TOWNSVILLE T'ville Local Ports CAIRNS PORT DOUGLAS COOKTOWN	Aramac, Tues., 5 p.m., Feb. 9 Wodonga, Tues., 5 p.m., Feb. 16
THURSDAY ISLD. NORMANTON BURKETOWN	Aramac, Tues., 5 p.m., Feb. 9 (Change at Cooktown).
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16.
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S.S. NEW GUINEA,
SAILING ABOUT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13,
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2400 tons, HUGH CRAIG, Commander,
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THE SAFE AND FAVOURITE SALOON STEAMERS
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(Weather permitting, and as far as practicable.)
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LEAVE MANLY—7.15, 8.10, 8.45, 9.45, 10.45, 11.30, 12, 12.30, 1.30, 2.15, 2.45, 3.30, 3.45, 4.30, 5.15, 6, 6.30, 7, 8, 8.30, 9.15, 10.15, 11.15.
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MOONLIGHT TRIPS EVERY EVENING.
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There is communication from Circular Quay and Manly by a Fleet of First class Saloon Steamers, all recently renovated at great expense, and performing a daily service of twenty-six (26) trips from Sydney and Manly respectively.
The First Steamer leaves each end at 7.15 a.m., and the Last Sailing at 11.15 p.m.
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SEASON TICKETS.
NEW SCALE, TO COME INTO OPERATION ON AND AFTER 1st JANUARY, 1897.

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Ladies	5s	12s 6d	23s	43s 6d
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Manchester	93	2	0
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600 Cups and Saucers, small 5d, medium 6d, large ... 0s 7d „
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250 Candlesticks ... 0s 4d „
150 Grey Teapots ... 3s 0d „
100 Grey Frypans, 14in., 2s; 15in. ... 2s 6d „

24 Perfection Knife Cleaners, Rubber Rollers 12s 0d each
18 Ladies' Help Knife Cleaners, Rubber Rollers ... 15s 0d „
36 Cork Mats for Bathrooms—
Usual Price ... 4s 0d 4s 6d 5s 5s 6d „
Reduced to ... 3s 3d 3s 9d 4s 4s 6d „
144 Fly Traps ... "Balloon," 5d; "Peerless," 7d „
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100 doz. Tin Dinner and Soup Plates for Picnics ... 0s 9d doz.
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72 4lb. Household Scales with Weights ... 2s 6d „
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Iron Mantelpieces	15 0	2 6
„ „	18 6	5 0
50 Wood Mantels	6 0	5 0
Register Grate for above	7 0	5 6
Tiled Hearth for above	8 0	6 0
45 Wood Mantels, arched	10 0	8 0
Register Grates for above	7 0	5 6
Tiled Hearths for above	8 0	6 0
Opal Gas Globes, assorted	0 5	0 3

108 Enamelled Sinks 18 21 24 inches.
Reduced from 10s to 8s. 11s 6d to 9s. 12s 9d to 10s.

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AT BARGAIN PRICES.

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Reduced to	1s 4d	1s 8d	2s 0d	2s 9d ea.

AMERICAN PEG AWL HAFTS—
Usual price, 4d each.
Reduced to 2d each.

ENGINEERS' COPPER SPOUT OIL CANS—

	¼	½	¾	1 pint
Usual price	10d	11d	1s 1d	1s 3d ea.
Reduced to	7d	9d	10d	11d ea.

AMERICAN SOCKET CHISEL HANDLES—
Usual price, 2d each.
Reduced to 1s per doz.

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	4½, 5, 5½, 6	7	8 in.
Usual price	9d	10d	1s
Reduced to	6d	7d	8d

ARCHIMEDEAN DRILL BRACE and 6 BITS—

	6	7	8 in.
Usual price	8d	10d	1s
Reduced to	6d ea.		

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AMER. BUCK SAWS, for Firewood Cutting, Usual price, 2s 6d. Reduced to 2s.
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AMERICAN MANURE FORKS—

	4	5	6 prong
Usual price	2s 9d	3s 3d	3s 9d
Reduced to	2s 0d	2s 9d	3s 3d

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ARGYLE and CO.'S SHOVELS—Usual price, 3s 6d. Reduced to 2s 0d.
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By order of the Commissioners.
H. M'LACHLAN,
Secretary.

New South Wales Government Railways.
Office of the Railway Commissioners,
Sydney, 3rd February, 1897.

TENDERS for the Works, &c., specified below will be received at the Railway Commissioners' Office, Bridge-street, Sydney, until 12 o'clock noon on the dates named.

MONDAY, 15th FEBRUARY.

CONSTRUCTION OF STATIONMASTER'S HOUSE AND ALTERATIONS TO STATION BUILDINGS AT WALLERAWANG. Particulars at the Divisional Engineer's Office, Bathurst, to 6th February, and after this date at Wallerawang Station.

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MONDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY.

THE SUPPLY OF STORES required by the Railway Department from 1st July, 1897, to 30th June, 1898, as under:—

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34. Rubber Stamps, Ink, &c.
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SODAWATER spoils good Whisky. Drink Dickens with water only.

SPIRITUALISM.—To-night, 8, Public Developing and Tests to all. Seance. 12 Pitt-st., Redfern. 6d.

SPIRITUALISM, 10 Park-st., upstairs.—Seance, to-night, 8 o'clock, 6d. Clairvoyance to all.

SPIRITUALISM.—Seance To-night, 8, 6d. Clairvoyance to all. Consultations daily, 2s 6d. 35 Abercrombie-p.

SPIRITUALISM.—Mr. and Mrs. BRADLEY hold a LECTURE, Test, Descrip. Seance, Balmain Town Hall, Darling-street, THURSDAY, 8, 1s.

THE New Remedy.—Snake Oil, for Deafness. Prof. W. Davies, Ophiologist, 35 Eastern Market, Melb.

TICKETS.—Melbourne, several expiring, very cheap, Adel., Brisb., others: also Buy. Davis, 108 Pitt-st.

TICKETS.—Melbourne (excursion this day, cheap), Brisbane, Fremantle, Lyttelton. Firkins, 156 King-st.

LLOYD and COLLINS'S Great SALE now on. Enormous reductions, and 10 per cent. off your bill.

Houses and Land for Sale.

SUMMER HILL.—Cottage, hall, 6 r., £25 dep., bal. rent.
PETERSHAM Station—House, hall, 6 r., £15 dep.
SURRY HILLS.—B. House, hall, 6 r., £25 dep., bal. rent.
SHOPPEE, Aus., 211 Eliz.-street, Hyde Park.

STANMORE.—Double-fronted Cottage VILLA, near Station, excellently built for owner, containing 6 rooms, tiled roof, gas, water, fixed tubs, sacrificed for £550. Should be inspected at once. Apply
P. LEAHY,
Stanmore station.

Auction Sales.

HORSES, VEHICLES, and HARNESS.

GEORGE KISS will sell by auction, at the Bazaar THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock,
All lots not specially advertised.
And at 12 o'clock,
All lots specially advertised.
Regular Sales at the Bazaar daily, and at Camperdown or elsewhere any afternoon.
LIVERY.—In this department charges moderate and best of forage.

TO RACING MEN, &c.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 12 o'clock,
FRAUD, brown stallion, 14.3, Kensington certificate, by Duke of Devon, dam The Bee.

VAN TURNOUT.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions from The Eagle Tobacco Company, Limited, to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 12 o'clock,
A Horse, Van, and Harness, in good order.

BANNISTER, MORRIS, and CO. will sell by auction, THIS DAY, at Newtown, at 7 o'clock, Wood, &c.
And at Darling Harbour, at 9 o'clock,
Wood, &c.

SHEEPSKINS.

B. D. MOREHEAD and CO. will sell by auction (on account of "The Milo and Welford Downs Pastoral Company, Limited") at their Stores, Felix and Margaret streets, Brisbane, on FRIDAY, 5th February, 1897,
1600 full-woolled skins.
Being portion of a consignment of 12,000 now in transit form the company's well-known Milo Station, in the Warrego District, Queensland.

TO PRODUCE MERCHANTS AND OTHERS.

DENT and PERRY have received instructions from John Shand, Esq., to sell by auction, on the premises, 119 Botany-road, Waterloo, THIS DAY, February 4th, at 2 o'clock, either as a going concern, or in lots to suit purchasers.

Engine and boiler, tank and piping, shafting, screens and elevator, 2 horses, trolly, and harness, horse, van, and harness, new springcart, 2 Avery's scales, corn-crusher, scales and weights; also, a quantity of sundries too numerous to particularise.

Inspection Invited.

This is a splendid chance for an energetic man to acquire a good business cheaply.

Terms at Sale.
DENT and PERRY, Auctioneers,
151 Sussex-street.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 2.30,
at
C. W. MADDOCK and CO.'S
AUCTION MART,
275 Pitt-street, next door School of Arts.

UNRESERVED SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION
of
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS,
Removed from the Residence
of
WALTER WIDDULPH RYAN, Esq.,
DARLINGHURST,
comprising
ELEGANT DINING-ROOM FURNISHINGS
MASSIVE WALNUT SIDEBOARD
ELKINGTON'S BEST ELECTROPLATED WARE, consisting of
MAGNIFICENT TEA and COFFEE SERVICE, cost 20 guineas
LARGE WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE
CUTLER'S WRITING DESK
Linoleum Squares, &c.
WALNUT PIANOFORTE, eminent maker
CHINA VASES, DRAPES, Lace Curtains, &c.
MASSIVE ALL-BRASS BEDSTEAD, 5ft. 6in., with best Bedding Drapes, &c.
Black and Brass Bedsteads, Single and Double
WICKER FURNITURE, PRESSES, KITCHENWARE.

C. W. MADDOCK and CO. have received instructions from WALTER WIDDULPH RYAN, Esq., to conduct this Important Sale, as above,
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 2.30.
TERMS, CASH.

BOOTS and SHOES. BOOTS and SHOES,
AT OUR ROOMS, 285 PITT-STREET.
THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK SHARP,
LARGE CONSIGNMENT
of
MEN'S, WOMEN'S, and CHILDREN'S
BOOTS and SHOES,
comprising
Girls' Patent Ankle and Overstrap Shoes, 4, 6, 7-10
Women's Glacé Bals., patent vamp, 3-7
Men's Patent Calf Shoes, Oxford lined, 5-10
Women's Glacé and Tan Evening Shoes, 3-6
Boys' and Youths' Golosbed Bals., 11-6, 2-5
Men's Hide and Calf Golosbed Bals., 5-10
Ditto Calf and Tan ditto ditto ditto
Women's Glacé Button and Lace Shoes, 3-6
Ladies' and Girls' Tan and Glacé Gipsy Shoes
Children's Boots.
CONSIGNMENT OF MEN'S AMERICAN GOODS
and
Large ASSORTMENT of COLONIAL MANUFACTURE.
WM. TROUP and CO. will sell as above, at their Rooms, 285-7 Pitt-street, at 11 o'clock sharp, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 4th instant.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 o'clock.
At Gilgeraint, Arcadia-street, off Toxteth-road, Glebe, nearly opposite Toxteth Mansion.

J. BROWN and CO. have been instructed by owner to sell by auction, without the slightest reserve, on account of relinquishing housekeeping,
The superior household furniture and effects
Sweet-toned PIANO by BORD
DINING and BEDROOM SUITES
Double and single BEDSTEADS and BEDDING, with superior DRAPES, SIDEBOARD
Walnut Davenport
Occasional table
HALL STAND, carpet squares, MANGLE
Improved hand-sewing machine, by WHEELER and WILSON
Handsome rattan settee and chairs, with plush cushions
[illegible]

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 o'clock.

JOHN F. LISTER will sell by auction at his rooms, 247A Pitt-street, [illegible]

JOHN F. LISTER will sell by auction at his rooms, 247A Pitt-street, [illegible] Unredeemed Clothing, Boots, Blankets.

To Wheelwrights, Coachbuilders, and Machinists.
[illegible]

G. F. BAINES [illegible]

THIS DAY, Thursday, at 11.30 a.m. [illegible]

THIS DAY, at 3 p.m., GUILLE and CO. will sell at Rooms, [illegible]

FOR SALE BY AUCTION
WEDNESDAY, the 17th February.
The Great Western Steam Aerated Water Works, Mudgee. [illegible]

HOMEBUSH FAT STOCK SALES.

H. M. SUTTON and CO. will sell THIS DAY, [illegible]

Auction Sales.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON'S HORSE BAZAAR. [illegible]

BLACK GELDING, [illegible]

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON [illegible]

CUCUMBER HOODED D.S. BUGGY. [illegible]

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON [illegible]

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY.
50 SUPERIOR COUNTRY HORSES. [illegible]

MILCH COWS. MILCH COWS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON [illegible]

BUTCHERS. BUTCHERS. BUTCHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON [illegible]

WEEKLY STOCK SALE.

ELLIS and CO. [illegible]

SYDNEY WOOL-SELLING ASSOCIATION. [illegible]

150 HEAD CHOICE DAIRY CATTLE.

IMPORTANT UNRESERVED CLEARING-OUT SALE. [illegible]

WEAVER and PERRY [illegible]

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, [illegible]

IMPORTANT and UNRESERVED CLEARING-OUT SALE [illegible]

WEAVER and PERRY [illegible]

LUNCHEON PROVIDED.

PRODUCE and GRAIN SALE.

JNO. BRIDGE and CO. [illegible]

HOMEBUSH SALES.
THIS DAY.

HILL, CLARK and CO. will sell at [illegible]

CHEAPER THAN AT ANY SALE OR FAIR. BACHELOR CARPETS, [illegible] HORDERN BROTHERS, [illegible] PITT-STREET (ONLY), Sydney.

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A LARGE VARIETY of other HIGH-CLASS MAKERS on VIEW in our SHOWROOMS, including BRINSMEAD, £58; JULIUS FEURICH, £38; CARL ECKE, £50; UEBEL, LECHLEITER, GORS and KALLMANN, STEINWAY, &c.

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A FEW good second-hand Pianos for immediate Sale cheap, from £6 to £18, at 66 Glebe-rd.

PIANO.—Few PIANOS; no reasonable offer refused. R. Desjardins, Conservatoire of Music, 338A George-st.

WANTED to Purchase, PIANO, about £10, no dealers. 48 Alberto-terrace, Darlinghurst-rd.

FOR SALE, cheap, Grand PIANO, cost £250, cash or easy terms. B. Murray.

GORDON'S, 379 Bourke-st., nr. Oxford.—Cheapest, best, and most reliable house for Pianos in Sydney.

ELEGANT Piano, £12; beautiful Erard, £15; greatest bargains in Sydney. Gordon's, 379 Bourke-st., nr. Oxf.

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HIGH-Class Pianos, £20; Bönisch, £25; Lipp, Vogel, rare bargains. Gordon's, 379 Bourke-st., nr. Oxford.

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MAGNIFICENT new German Pianos, just landed, best maker, fully guaranteed. Gordon's, 379 Bourke-st.

PIANO by Aucherberg, Dresden, imported by Nicholson and Co., £12, in good repair. 16 Newtown-rd., city.

ORGAN, £10 10s, very superior, thoroughly well made, sterling maker, nearly new. Estens, 55 Flinders-st.

FOR SALE, PIANO, in good order, price £10. Private, P.O., Waverley.

"PIANOS," "ORGANS," new and second-hand. Cheapest house in town. Powell, 57 Flinders-st.

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Public Notices.

I HEREBY give NOTICE that I will not honour any cheques from this date without signature.
EMILY J. DU BENUT.
3rd February, 1897.

DR. STANICH,
AURAL SURGEON,
Specialist in Ear, Nose, and Throat.
77 ELIZABETH-STREET,
near King-street,
Sydney.

I WILL not be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted in my name after this date without my written authority. WM. BRANDON, Woollahra.
February 4, 1897.

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Horses and Vehicles.

CANADIAN CARRIAGE COMPANY.
WILLIAM VIAL and SON have on SALE SAMPLES of the Company's very useful and beautiful styles.

FOR SALE, nearly new, the property of Mr. G. E. Fairfax, DOGCART, built by Heath, England, for horse 15 hands and upwards. On view W. Vial and Son, Castlereagh-street. Full particulars apply
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SIMPSON'S Patent Jump-seat SULKY, best work, lowest price, cash only. King-st., Newtown.

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FOR SALE, very pretty stylish chestnut PONY, 14 hands, s., h. Apply No. 8 Bourke-st., Redfern.

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VERY strong, roomy, square, Grocer's SPRINGCART, splendid wheels, cheap. Peegrave, Avenue, Hurstville.

GREENGROCER'S Cart, Harness, Horse, splendid lot, v. reasonable. Cockroft, 53 Westbourne-st., Petersham.

FOR SALE, nuggety bay Mare, about 14 hands, saddle or harness, cheap, cash or terms. R. Lucas, 254 Pitt-st.

VERY fast, quiet, 13-hand PONY, with set good har., £4. 23 Bligh-st., city.

LIGHT Hooded Abbott BUGGY, well-bred Chestnut Gelding and har., sale cheap. 23 Bligh-st., city.

SET Double Har., made by Brush, suit 14-hand horses, never used, sell bargain. 23 Bligh-st., city.

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SALE, light DOGCART, seat 4, price £6, light and heavy wheels, cheap. Pocock, Kettle-st., Redfern.

BAY or Brown MARE, about 15 hands, unbranded, one or two white feet. Rew., John Pottie, 232 C'gh-st.

LOW Pony PHAETONS, Single and D. Seat, from £25, newest designs and best finish; Concords, with hoods, from £25; Carryalls, Sociables, Turnout-seats, and Waggons, at reduced prices. KEARNEY BROS., 202 Pitt-st.

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WANTED, TIPDRAY and Harness, in good order. C. Wilcox, Avenue-rd., Mosman.

WANTED to Buy, Four Butchers' BOX CARTS, new or second-hand, must be well made and in good repair. State price and particulars to
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WANTED, light, strong Express Waggon, full lock pref. Apply Geo. Symonds, 36 Pelican-st., off Oxf.

WANTED, good Draught HORSE, cheap. Apply J. Murray, Railway Refreshment Rooms, Redfern.

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LODGING-HOUSE, centrally situated, 9 large rooms, stable, old established, with a first-class connection, 11 lodgers; price asked is only value of furniture and effects, £30. This is a rare chance. Needham and Co., 31 Eliz.-st.

STATIONERY, Tobacco, Toy, and Library Bus., splen. fitted, in a good suburban position, £95. Needham.

GROCERY and Gen. Store trade £18 weekly, stock at valuation, no goodwill, about £160. Needham and Co.

FRUIT, Greengrocery, and Confectionery trade £15 wk., splendid run, horse cart, stock, £65. Needham and Co.

CONFECTIONERY and Luncheon, with every requisite for the business, trade £18 per week, very well-fitted shop and luncheon rooms, and in a thorough good position, owner leaving Sydney, £60, trial. Needham and Co.

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FRUIT, Confectionery, Tobacco, Drinks, &c., a sacrifice. Apply No. 1 Cleveland-st., Darlington.

LEASE, License, Goodwill of Lord Carrington Hotel, Darling-st., Rozelle, nr. Callan Park. Apply Propri'r.

FOR SALE, established Grocery BUSINESS, George-st. North. F. W. Parsons, Vic.-cham., 44 C'reagh-st.

BOAT-LETTING Bus., 10 boats, 2 sailing, rent only £5 annum, boats cost more, offer wanted. 119 King-st.

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HOTEL, City, for Private SALE, drawing 20 x 36's, guaranteed. Further partics. principals only. 119 King-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, go-ahead suburb, cor. 3 streets, splend. fitted, any trial given, only £100. 119 King-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, nr. Circul. Q., full of boarders, furn., worth £800, rent only £4 10s, price £400 cash.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, Richmond River, right on main wharf, sample-rooms, commodious stabling, billiards, bar takings £150 monthly, 12 months' license to run, lease, license, goodwill, furn., stock, full price £320. 119 King-st.

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TOBACCONIST'S and Hairdressing BUSINESS for SALE, in busy thoroughfare, close to city, beautifully fitted up, three chairs in saloon, splendid dwelling, low rent; will be sacrificed owing to illness; any trial given. Particulars from
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WILLIAMS and CO., 129 King-st.—Hotel, well furnished, 4 x 36's, proof, free house, £120.

HOTEL, city, good corner stand, near wharfs, this house must be sold this week, free, £160.

HOTEL, subs., billiards, £30 weekly, proof, main street, g. stabling, splen. accomm., £150. Williams.

GROCERY, General, growing country town, no opposition, trade £40, highest prices, price £250, terms.

GROCERY, General, subs., takings £35, top prices, gd. residence, rent £1, full value, £150. Williams.

MANUFACTURING Business, doing £40 weekly, capable l. exten., well estab., £10 wkly., £150. Williams.

LADIES' Luncheon and T. Rooms, city, nicely fitted, rent £1, good connection, only £35. Williams.

LODGING-HOUSE and Restaurant, city, doing first-class busi., thor. furn., sacrifice, illness, £55. Williams.

WILLIAMS and CO., 129 King-st.—Tobacconist and Haird. Business, trade £20, large saloon, price £70.

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CONF., Fcy. Goods, News Agency, right opposite large Public school, £80. Bray, 37 Park-st., over P.O.

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STORE for SALE, near city, profits £3 to £4 a week, full price £80, milk pays rent. Full particulars yesterday's Herald.
Fer, Herald Office, King-street.

GROCERY Store, Woollahra, large grocery store, best position, every conv. Cor. Queen and Moncur sts.

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Businesses for Sale.

WARDEN,
69 ELIZABETH-STREET, near KING-STREET.
HOTEL, good corner, sell to-day £65 cash.

WARDEN.—Hotel, Alexandria, doing 4 x 36's weekly, but could be doubled, first-class stand, £100.

WARDEN. Hotel, same hands 6 years, draws 4 hogsheads weekly, a nice home, £150.

WARDEN.—Hotel, corner main thoroughfare, Surry Hill, rent £2 10s, full price £200, cash £70.

WARDEN.—Hotel, Darlinghurst, in present hands 5 years, pays £100 monthly, full price £350, terms.

WARDEN.—Hotel, doing 6 x 36's weekly, immense population, license 10 months to run, cash req. £130.

WARDEN.—Hotel, busiest part of Sussex-st., does 5 x 54's weekly, very low rent, £250.

DAY and CO., 244 Pitt-street.

HOTEL, city, 5 years' lease, 2 bars, big trade, proof given, free house, £100. Day and Co., 244 Pitt-st.

NEWS Agency, 400 dailies, comics, &c., shop trade £7 to £10, city, sold illness, any trial, £160. Day and Co.

CONFECTIONERY Bus. and Tea Rooms, suit 2 ladies, beaut. stand, lge. prem., £35. Day and Co., 244 Pitt-st.

BOARDING and LODGING ESTAB., has to be sold through sudden death, low rent, 7 rooms, city, 6 perm. boarders, all furniture, &c., £25, a gen. bargain, must be sold. DAY and CO., 244 Pitt-street.

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Hotel, Haymarket, lease 10 years, trade £30 weekly, £175.
Hotel, Redfern, lease 7 years, 5 x 36s weekly, £300.
Leading suburb, 10 x 36, bar trade, £60 weekly, £350.
Hotel, William-st., lease 10, profitable bar trade, £350.
Hotel, Geo.-st., free house, busy corner, full price £800.
Hotel, Glebe, lease 7, rent £2 10s, 5 x 54 weekly, £900.
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MADAME ZEPHEY, Palmist, late Royal Arcade, will resume practice about the end of February.

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MRS. MELLON, 22 Waverley-rd., Woollhra.—All mat daily. Materials. Seance every Sat., 8 sharp.

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MRS. SCALES, Med. Clairvoyant and Palmist. Public Test Circle, To-night, 8, 1s. 73 King-st. Arcade.

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Auction Sales.

HOMEBUSH FAT STOCK SALES.

THIS DAY, 4th FEBRUARY, 1897.

HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN, Limited, will sell by auction, at the usual hour,
40 prime fat cattle, for John Grant, Esq., Prospect Villa
40 prime fat cattle, for Mrs. Moore, rail Hay
10 ditto ditto ditto for W. J. New, Esq., rail Nevertire
10 prime fat cattle, for Southern agents, rail Gundagai
400 prime fat sheep, for E. G. Ashcroft, Esq., Hazeldean
800 prime fat sheep, for John Grant, Esq., Prospect
600 ditto ditto ditto, for T. R. Jackson, Esq., Rose Hill
400 prime fat sheep, for Messrs. Hunt Bros., Burdenda
800 ditto ditto ditto, for J. Cassidy, Esq., rail Brewongle
400 prime fat sheep, for T. Wilson, Esq., Primrose Farm
400 prime fat sheep, for P. Brislan, Esq., French Park
250 ditto ditto ditto, for D. M'Lennan, Esq., Killimicat
300 prime fat sheep, for Southern agents, by rail
200 ditto ditto ditto, for J. Moore, Esq., Meadow Flat
300 ditto ditto ditto, for D. and W. Robertson, Esq., Woodstock
800 prime fat sheep, for Messrs. Derry and M'Grath, rail Mudgee
250 prime fat sheep, for E. G. Bridle, Esq., Rose Vale
200 ditto ditto ditto, for Messrs. M'Evoy Bros., Tarrabandra
250 prime fat sheep, for A. Wheatley, Esq., The Pines
200 ditto ditto ditto, for J. S. Sands, Esq., Bourgong
280 ditto ditto ditto, for J. Medway, Esq., Spring Creek
300 prime fat sheep, for Western agents, by rail
200 ditto ditto ditto, for J. Black, Esq., rail Molong
100 ditto ditto ditto, for J. Links, Esq., rail Wangoola
100 ditto ditto ditto, for L. R. Smith, Esq., rail Warne
100 prime fat sheep, for C. Henry, Esq., rail Woodstock
300 prime fat sheep, for E. Taylor, Esq., Woodbine
160 ditto ditto ditto, for J. H. Glasson, Esq., Gudolphin
300 prime fat sheep, for Messrs. J. Alston and Son, Tuonongs
200 prime fat sheep, for T. Glover Esq. rail Bowning
100 ditto ditto ditto, for H. C. Wheatley, Esq., Willow Grove
100 prime fat sheep, for G. Medway, Esq., rail Gunning.

HOMEBUSH SALES, THIS DAY.

JOSEPH LEEDS and CO. will sell as above,
50 prime fat cattle, for W. A. Gardiner, Esq., Ellengerah
14 prime fat cattle, for D.C. Rankin, Esq., Windowie
2000 ditto ditto sheep, for Western agents, Trangie
1800 ditto ditto ditto, for W. T. Buchanan, Esq., Killarney
1080 prime fat sheep, for Brookong station, Urana
500 ditto ditto ditto, for G. M'Hattie, Esq., Warren
800 ditto ditto ditto, for Namina Estate, Wellington
300 ditto ditto ditto, for Hon. F. B. Suttor, Katella
280 ditto ditto ditto, for T. A. Webb, Esq., Rosemain
280 ditto ditto ditto, for Western agent, Kelso
200 ditto ditto ditto, for E. Locke, Esq., Lockeley
200 ditto ditto ditto, for F. Burne, Esq., Orange
150 ditto ditto ditto, for G. Toole, Esq., Westholme
100 ditto ditto ditto, for T. B. Webb, Esq., Sydmouth Valley
100 prime fat sheep, for Messrs. J. and H. Beadle, Molong
100 prime fat sheep, for Western agents, Orange
100 ditto ditto ditto, for J. Wynne, Esq., Molong.

HOMEBUSH SALES.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

J. C. YOUNG and CO. will sell by auction, as above, at usual hour,
30 prime fat cattle, for Mr. S. J. Shanahan, The Briars
10 prime fat cattle, for Northern Agents, The Hunter
300 prime fat sheep, for Mr. W. C. Bowman, Derowie
300 prime fat sheep, for Mr. J. Laverty, Ifield
200 ditto ditto ditto, for Mr. C. Boyd, Newbridge
300 ditto ditto ditto, for Mr. C. Boyd, George's Plains
300 ditto ditto ditto, for Mr. R. Henderson, Bonnie Doon
200 prime fat sheep, for Mr. R.F. Siggs, Woodhouselee
100 ditto ditto ditto, for Mr. J. C. Hood, Moorilda
100 ditto ditto ditto, for Mr. F. Wilkinson, Cootamundra.

TRADE NOTICE.

MAIDEN BROS. (28 Castlereagh-street) will sell by auction, at Homebush, THIS DAY,
50 prime fat cattle, for Gineroi Station, rail Breeza
700 prime fat sheep, for Southern Agents, Junee
400 ditto ditto ditto, for W. J. Hogan, Esq., Cobar
200 ditto ditto ditto, for Thos. Booth, Esq., Willow Grove
300 prime fat sheep, for Messrs. Ross Bros., Uri Park
300 ditto ditto ditto, for Southern Agents, Cootamundra
300 prime fat sheep, for R. Hamilton, Esq., Rose Vale
200 prime fat sheep, for Wm. Howard, Esq., Flax Vale
300 prime fat sheep, for H. P. Carberry, Esq., Gobarralong
200 prime fat sheep, for A. Tolmie, Esq., Hay
300 ditto ditto ditto, for D. Anderson, Esq., Kourawatha
200 prime fat sheep, for W. J. Ellis, Esq., Fernhill
200 ditto ditto ditto, for R. G. Glasson, Esq., Yublandery
300 prime fat sheep, for John Glasson Esq., Trevellyn
200 prime fat sheep, for Geo. Howard, Esq., Carcodale
100 prime fat sheep, for Exors. Hon. E. Flood, Lake Midgeon
300 prime fat sheep, for Messrs. Webb and Williams, Mayfield
200 prime fat sheep, for E. Power, Esq., Brewongle
200 ditto ditto ditto, for T. Field, Esq., Gundagai
300 ditto ditto ditto, for Geo. Cockle, Esq., Montagle
300 prime fat sheep, for J. Matthews, Esq., Blayney
100 ditto ditto ditto, for H. Matthews, Esq., Willow Vale
300 prime fat sheep, for Thos. Quinn, Esq., George's Plains.

HOMEBUSH, THIS DAY, at 9 o'clock.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Limited, will sell by auction, as above,
60 prime fat cattle, for Mr. R. M. Fitzgerald, Tongy
60 ditto ditto ditto, for P. H. Osborne, Currandooley
63 ditto ditto ditto, for A. A. Company, Warrah
30 ditto ditto ditto, for Messrs. H. Dewey and Sons, Growee
90 prime fat cattle, for Peel River L. M. Company, Limited, Goonoo Goonoo
30 prime fat cattle, for Mr. W. Bowman, Balmoral
20 ditto ditto ditto, for Mr. W. F. Gordon, Manar
20 ditto ditto ditto, for Mr. H. Carr, Funny Hill
10 ditto ditto ditto, for Mr. L. Brennan, The Brae
10 ditto ditto ditto, for Mr. J. Brien, Nowrea
11 ditto ditto ditto, for Walhallow Estate, by rail
667 ditto ditto sheep, for Boolcarrol station, by rail
598 ditto ditto ditto, for Mr. R. Brown, Aberbaldie
500 ditto ditto ditto, for Mr. R. C. Cooper, Pylara
500 ditto ditto ditto, for Mr. W. J. Cordeaux, Bendooley
500 prime fat sheep, for Mr. T. E. Simmonds, Stockinbingal
500 prime fat sheep, for Mr. P. H. Osborne, Currandooley
400 prime fat sheep, for Mr. H. Chisholm, Wollogorang
400 ditto ditto ditto, for Mr. F. D. Badgery, Blackrange
400 prime fat sheep, for W. agents, Kelso
400 ditto ditto ditto, for Mr. Jas. Lee, Larras Lake
400 ditto ditto ditto, for Mr. J. A. Turner, Quirindi
300 ditto ditto ditto, for Messrs. Dangar Bros., Mooki Springs
300 prime fat sheep, for Mr. C. L. Badgery, Humewood
300 prime fat sheep, for Mr. L. Brennan, The Brae
320 ditto ditto ditto, for Trustees James Park, Crookwell
288 prime fat sheep, for Mr. C. Marina, Moppity
300 ditto ditto ditto, for Mr. I. J. Sloane, North Logan
300 prime fat sheep, for Messrs. P. and H. O. Roberts, Virginia Waters
252 prime fat sheep, for W. agents, Cowra
200 ditto ditto ditto, for Mr. A. Armour, Wattle Vale
200 ditto ditto ditto, for Mr. E. O'Connell, Mudgee
200 ditto ditto ditto, for Mr. W. F. Gordon, Manar
200 ditto ditto ditto, for Mr. C. B. Combes, Glanmire
200 ditto ditto ditto, for Mr. C. K. Chisholm, Raeburn
100 ditto ditto ditto, for Mr. R. C. M'Donnell, Milby Milby
100 prime fat sheep, for Mr. M. Armour, Talmo
100 ditto ditto ditto, for Mr. C. D. Howard, Fairfield
100 ditto ditto ditto, for Mr. G. M'Guigan, Rylstone
100 ditto ditto ditto, for Mr. W. Webb, Keirstone
100 ditto ditto ditto, for Mr. J. Hickey, Burrowa Plains
60 ditto ditto ditto, for Mr. G. Curry, Culver Park.

FLEMINGTON FAT STOCK SALES.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, the 4th, 1897.

WEAVER and PERRY will sell by auction, as above, at the usual hour,
40 prime fat cattle, for B. Buffier, Cowhill Estate
1000 prime fat sheep, for W. Bootes, Esq., Mundarlo
900 ditto ditto ditto, for W. Richardson, Esq., Bogolong
600 prime fat sheep, for Bombowlee Station, Gundagai
300 prime fat sheep, for T. H. Wallis, Esq., Clear Hills
300 prime fat sheep, for S. M'Caughey, Esq., Byalla
300 ditto ditto ditto, for F. E. Churchill, Esq., Brymedura.

WILKINSON and LAVENDER will sell at Flemington Yards, THIS DAY,
70 prime cows for Messrs. Britton and Donohoe, Hay
800 prime sheep, for Mrs. Campbell, Jerala
800 ditto ewes, for M. Brennan, Esq., Morundah
220 ditto lambs, for Messrs. E. and A. Westby, Pulliton
120 prime lambs, for W. S. Cocking, Esq., Victoria Park.

HOMEBUSH SALES.

WARDEN HARRY GRAVES and SON will sell through the Homebush Sale Yards, THIS DAY,
2000 prime fat sheep, for exors. John Reid, Tabratong
1000 prime fat sheep, for J. Bolger, Esq., The Priory
517 prime fat sheep, for R. Guest, Esq., Bundidgarie
405 prime fat sheep, for Hon. J. A. Wallace, Quat Quatta
302 prime fat sheep, for J. H. Spiller, Esq., Yarragundry.

AT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SALE ROOM
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THIS DAY, FEBRUARY 4th, 1897,
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1 2-h.p. Otto and Crossley Silent gas engine, with 3 sets slides, nearly new; 1 screw-cutting lathe, 10ft. bed, 8in. centre, dog chucks, carriers, mandrills, tools, &c.; shaping and drilling machines
10-h.p. multitubular boiler and 12 other boilers
Anvils, bellows, punching and shearing machines
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Chain, stocks and dies, hydraulic jacks, iron, steel
Tools, pulleys, shafting, sundries.
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AUCTION ROOMS, 128, 130, and 132 PITT-STREET.

TO-MORROW,
FRIDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, at 11 a.m.

IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION
of
HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE and EFFECTS,
removed from
THE RESIDENCE, UNDERCLIFFE,
Old South Head-road, Woollahra,

Under instructions from
THOMAS BUCKLAND, Esq.,
and
FROM A GENTLEMAN'S RESIDENCE
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ELECTROPLATE, GLASS, and CHINA.
COMPLETE TABLE APPOINTMENTS
of
Very Superior Quality.

MASSIVE OAK DINING-ROOM FURNITURE,
including
HANDSOME SIDEBOARD,
FULL TELESCOPE DINING TABLE,
HANDSOME OVERMANTEL,
THREE-TIER DINNER WAGGON.
FULL SUITE IN MOROCCO LEATHER, comprising Couch, 2 Easy Chairs, and 6 Dining Chairs.

WALNUT HALL FURNITURE.

WALNUT BREAKFAST-ROOM FURNITURE.
WALNUT SIDEBOARD, with plateglass back.
WALNUT TELESCOPE DINING TABLE, 10ft.

TWO VERY SUPERIOR WALNUT BOOKCASES.

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Also,
THE COMPLETE FURNITURE and EFFECTS,
removed from
A RESIDENCE AT PARK-ROAD,
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(in excellent order and condition).

ALCOCK'S FULL-SIZED BILLIARD-TABLE
(in excellent order),
with Appurtenances Complete.

JAMES R. LAWSON (Lawson and Smith) has been favoured with instructions to sell by auction,
THE COMPLETE FURNITURE and EFFECTS
from
SEVERAL GENTLEMEN'S RESIDENCES,
as above,
TO-MORROW,
FRIDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, at 11 a.m.

⁂ PURCHASERS are requested to note that EVERY LOT will be sold POSITIVELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

⁂ ON VIEW THIS DAY.

PIANOFORTES, PIANOFORTES
at
LAWSON and SMITH'S
AUCTION ROOMS, 128, 130, and 132 PITT-STREET
(near King-street),
TO-MORROW,
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

ABSOLUTE SALE BY AUCTION
of
HIGH-CLASS PIANOFORTES
as under :—
WALNUT PIANOFORTE by Simon on the Lipp System
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WALNUT PIANOFORTE by Max Strauss

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HIGH-CLASS PIANOFORTES,
TO-MORROW,
FRIDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, AT 11 A.M,
at
THE ROOMS, 128, 130, and 132 PITT-STREET.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

A MOST IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION

at
RANDWICK,
on
WEDNESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, at 11 A.M.,
at
THE TOWERS,
SYDNEY-ROAD, RANDWICK
(close to Randwick Racecourse Gates).

Under instructions from
A. DRAKE, Esq.,
in consequence of having Purchased
(with its Furniture complete)
THE ALBERT HOTEL,
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The whole of the
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JAMES R. LAWSON (Lawson and Smith) has been favoured with instructions from A. DRAKE, Esq., to Conduct the Important Sale by Auction at his Residence as above,

on
WEDNESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, AT 11 A.M.
⁂ ON VIEW TUESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, from 10 o'clock a.m.

STANMORE.

THIS DAY.
ATTRACTIVE UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE
of
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SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION
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TO-MORROW, FRIDAY.

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NEWTOWN.—Shop and Dwelling, No. 163 King-street, between Bucknell and Watkin streets. Mortgagee's Sale.
DITTO.—Corner Block of Land, King and Elizabeth streets, together with sheds thereon. Deceased Estate.
DITTO.—Cottage, No. 121 King-street, close to Elizabeth-street. Deceased Estate.
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DITTO.—Shop and Five Houses, Nos. 62 to 70 Railway-street and Carrington-lane.
DITTO.—Terrace of Eight Cottages, Nos. 1 to 15, Fisher's-avenue, just off Palace-street.
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By order of W. H. Palmer, Esq., official assignee.
All the Right, Title, and Interest (if any) of the Official Assignee under the will of the late John Bligh Suttor.

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WATKIN and WATKIN, by order of the Mortgagees, sell above at auction in their Rooms, 313 Pitt-street, on MONDAY NEXT, 8th FEBRUARY, at 11.30 a.m.

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At Risk and Expense of Former Purchaser.

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SEC. 1, LOT 25
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A NEW DYNAMITE GUN.

USED BY THE CUBAN INSURGENTS.

The New York papers have dealt very fully with the war in Cuba (says the *Pall Mall Gazette*), and day after day on which battles have been fought the special correspondents have noted the destructive work done by a new dynamite gun possessed by the Cubans. Allowing for a good deal of exaggeration and inaccurate observation, there is a mass of fairly satisfactory evidence to warrant the conclusion that in the dynamite gun the insurgents have found an engine of war capable of dealing out death wholesale. Lieutenant Emanuel Ramos, who worked the gun under General Maceo in some of the hardest fought battles, speaks of the shells as bringing consternation to the Spanish troops. "Wherever the projectile struck," he says, "the ground was broken and furrowed, and bodies of soldiers were afterwards found torn limb from limb." As this is the first experience of the gun in actual warfare, some description will be of interest. The Dudley Powder-Pneumatic gun is the invention of a former lieutenant in the United States army, his aim being to perfect a mortar throwing high explosives which should be as easily portable as an ordinary field gun. The initial difficulty in throwing high explosives is, obviously, their liability to explode on the shock of discharge, and, therefore, causing trouble at the wrong end of the attack. There is a patent pneumatic gun which has surmounted this difficulty, but it is only available as a stationary defence; being very long, very heavy, and very expensive, while the fact that the air which propels the projectile is compressed by the aid of a steam engine seriously circumscribes its utility. It is claimed for the Dudley gun that it is as portable as an ordinary field piece (the gun proper can be loaded on the backs of two mules), needs no recoil carriage, can be quickly brought into action, and can throw an 11lb. projectile (containing 4lb. of explosive gelatine) for a range of a mile and a half. We note in this connection that *Lieutenant Ramos* found the best range for the ordinary shelling of troops to be about half a mile.

The Dudley gun consists of three tubes, of which the middle tube contains the projectile, and is about 10½ft. long. The tubes on both sides are 6ft. long, and together form an air chamber. Into the breech of the right-hand tube is placed a charge of 6oz. of ordinary smokeless powder. It is all the motive force required for the launching of the projectile. What it does is to produce an intimate mixture of compressed air and gas, which, rushing to the base of the shell in the middle tube, launches it upon its deadly mission with a muffled pouf! As all flame and smoke are consumed in the tubes there is no indication given of discharge save by sound, which is of small volume. The explosive shell consists of a cylindrical case of steel, having a suitable head and fuse, and a base terminating in a winged tail, which has vanes set at an angle to impart a rotary motion to the projectile during its flight, the gun being smooth-bored. Any of the high explosives can be used for the charge, and in recent experiments as sensitive a compound as 92 per cent. nitro-glycerine gelatine has been used. The dimensions of a Dudley gun of 2½in. calibre may be set down: Weight of gun proper, 260lb.; weight of carriage, 250lb.; of projectile, 11lb.; of charge in projectile, 4lb.; of charge of powder, 6oz.; length of middle tube, 10½ft.; length of side tubes, 6ft.; and calibre, 2in.; range, 1¼ to 1½ mile. The invention is controlled in this country by the Dudley Powder-Pneumatic Gun Syndicate of Great Britain, the chairman being Mr. E. Marshall Fox, of 34 Victoria-street.

It may be added that the gun is made in any calibre from 2½ to 8 in. The latter calibre would necessarily be for stationary guns used in coast defence. There are possibilities before it as a naval weapon. With quick-firing guns and nets and electric searchlights our great battleships stand at least a good equal chance against the nimble torpedo boats and their submarine messengers of death. But, admitting the possibility of adopting the Dudley dynamite gun to torpedo boats, it is difficult at this moment to guess what effective defence there could be against aerial torpedoes, dropped rapidly from a distance out of the range of the quick-firing guns, and on parts of the ship where nets would be of no avail.

Charles Frederick Hood, one of the gorgeously-attired beadles of the Bank of England, has got into terrible disgrace (says a London paper). He was sentenced at the Old Bailey yesterday to 18 months' hard labour for stealing plate. Hood lived three lives. At his private residence, a large house in Kensington, he posed as a gentleman of means. No one thought him a bank porter, at a salary of £120, but he was generally supposed to be "something in the City." Down at the bank, when clad in his scarlet livery, he was to all appearance the faithful servant, who at nights supplemented his salary by carving at City feasts. But all the time he was a daring and cruel thief. Discovery was made owing to an indiscretion of his at the Army and Navy Stores, where he was collared in an act of theft. On searching house the police discovered an immense amount of valuable plunder, much of it antique silver, and nearly all of it stolen from the City companies. Here came in the cruel part of the business. No one had dreamed of doubting the staid bank porter and carver, and consequently unfortunate waiters were suspected of the numerous thefts of silver that occurred at the City feasts.

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COTTAGE, of stone 4 rooms and kitchen, on 12 allotments of land, Torrens title, near the mansion of Mr. Alfred Bennett, Rose Bay; price £250.
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Municipal Elections.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ROCKDALE.
ANNUAL ELECTION OF ALDERMEN AND AUDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Electors of the abovenamed Municipal District, held at the Town Hall, at noon on Tuesday, the 2nd day of February instant, the undermentioned persons were duly Nominated to fill the respective offices of Aldermen and Auditors:—
AS ALDERMEN.
ARNCLIFFE WARD:
JOHN HORATIO CLAYTON, of Forest-road, Arncliffe, Solicitor (elected unopposed).
ROCKDALE WARD:
JOSEPH HENRY TREVARTHEN, of Gibbes-street, Rockdale, Commission Agent.
ALLAN STIRLING, of Bay-street, Rockdale, Hairdresser.
SCARBOROUGH WARD:
HENRY COOKE, of Cairo-street, Rockdale, House and Land Agent.
HUGH BOARTY, of French-street, Rockdale, Horse Trainer.
AS AUDITORS:
WILLIAM HENRY CADOGAN, of Forest-road, Arncliffe, Accountant, elected unopposed.
GAIUS CLARKE, of 180 Castlereagh-street, Sydney, Civil Engineer and Licensed Surveyor, elected unopposed.
A BALLOT will be taken on FRIDAY NEXT, the 5th day of February inst., at the Town Hall, Rockdale, and the Temperance Hall, Pitt-street, Sydney, for the Election of one Alderman for the Rockdale and Scarborough Wards respectively only.
POLLING will commence at 8 o'clock a.m. and finally close at 5 p.m. of the same day.
LOCAL OPTION.
In conformity with the provisions of the Licensing Act (45 Vic., No. 14 and 48 Vic., No. 26), the Local Option Vote will be taken for the Arncliffe, Rockdale, and Scarborough Wards respectively on FRIDAY, the 5th day of February instant, at the polling places hereinbefore referred to.
N.B.—Persons whose Rates are in arrear at time of claiming to vote will not be entitled to vote, but Rates WILL BE RECEIVED on the Day of Polling at the TOWN HALL ONLY.
JOHN FRANCIS HEGERTY, Alderman and Returning Officer.
Town Hall, Rockdale, 2nd February, 1897.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LIVERPOOL.
NOTICE is hereby given that the following have been duly nominated for the respective offices of Aldermen and Auditors, and there being more Candidates than required as Aldermen for the North and West Wards and as Auditors for the Municipality a POLL will be taken on SATURDAY Next, the 6th instant, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For the North Ward at the Town Hall, Moore-street; for the West Ward in an unoccupied cottage, opposite Presbyterian School, High-street; and for Auditors in Library at Town Hall, Moore-street.
As ALDERMEN.—SOUTH WARD: FRED. CHAPMAN, Printer, Eagle-street, unopposed. WEST WARD: GEORGE A. TILLETT, Surveyor, Maryvale, Bemerra-road; and JAMES WATT, Fruitgrower, Orange Grove-road. NORTH WARD: C. J. NEWALL, Farmer and Registered Milk Vendor, of Woodlands; and CHARLES A. SCRIVENER, Storekeeper, Macquarie-street, Liverpool.
As AUDITORS.—WILLIAM LONG, District Registrar, Campbell-street; GEORGE W. S. ROWE, Clerk, Speed-street; and ALLAN MUNRO, Clerk, Elizabeth-street.
POLLARD SMITH, Returning Officer.

BOROUGH OF REDFERN.
A Meeting of the Electors was held within the Town Hall, Redfern, on Tuesday, the 2nd instant, at noon, for the purpose of nominating and electing four (4) Aldermen (one for each Ward), and two (2) Auditors, when the Returning Officer (Alderman Vernon) announced that the following had been duly nominated, viz.:—
AS ALDERMEN.
FOR SURRY HILLS WARD:
GEORGE RICHARD PARKES, Carrier, Walker-street, Redfern.
FOR BELMORE WARD:
WILLIAM C. COOMBES, Grocer, George-street, Redfern.
WILLIAM THOS. POOLE, Freeholder, Pitt-street, Redfern.
FOR REDFERN WARD:
JOSEPH MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern-street, Redfern.
FOR GOLDEN GROVE WARD:
THOMAS CLARKE, Produce Merchant, Abercrombie-street, Redfern.
AS AUDITORS, for One Year:
JOHN MITCHELL, Freeholder, Rosehill-street, Redfern.
ALFRED MITCHELL, Auctioneer, Abercrombie-street, City.
The Returning Officer therefore declared the following duly elected:—
As ALDERMEN, for three years: For Surry Hills Ward, GEORGE RICHD. PARKES; for Redfern Ward, JOSEPH MEDCALF; for Golden Grove Ward, THOMAS CLARKE.
And as AUDITORS for current municipal year: JOHN MITCHELL and ALFRED MITCHELL. And that a Poll will be taken for the election of one Alderman for the Belmore Ward on SATURDAY Next, 6th instant, at the Town Hall, Redfern, which will be open from 8 o'clock a.m. to 5 o'clock p.m., and that the state of the Poll will be announced after it has been ascertained on 6th instant, and will be officially declared at noon on MONDAY, 8th instant, at the Town Hall, Redfern.
HENRY VERNON, Returning Officer.
Town Hall, Redfern, 3rd February, 1897.

BOROUGH OF WILLOUGHBY.
ANNUAL ELECTION of ALDERMEN and AUDITORS, and LOCAL OPTION VOTE.
ON SATURDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, 1897.
POLLING PLACES:
SYDNEY.
32 Pitt-street.
CHATSWOOD WARD.
Council-chambers, Mowbray-road.
NAREMBURN WARD.
Mr. John Doyle's Cottage, near Public school, Willoughby-road.
MIDDLE HARBOUR WARD.
Mr. George Hawksley's Cottage, High-street.
R. H. GORDON, Mayor and Returning Officer.
Council-chambers, Willoughby, 2nd February, 1897.

BOROUGH OF WAVERLEY.
WAVERLEY WARD.
Alderman T. A. MACKENZIE will ADDRESS the ELECTORS at NOONAN'S TEA GARDENS HOTEL,
THIS (Thursday) EVENING, at 8 o'clock.

BOROUGH OF PADDINGTON. LOWER WARD.
A MEETING of the Friends and Supporters of Alderman George Walker will be held at the Rose and Crown Hotel (Hennessey's), TO-MORROW (Friday) EVENING, 5th inst., at 8 o'clock, to take steps to secure his re-election.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION. CHATSWOOD WARD.
A Public MEETING will be held at Sharland's Royal Hotel TO-NIGHT, 8 o'clock sharp. J. LOUHE.

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THE Annual General MEETING of the CARRINGTON CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL will be held in the Boardroom of the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company, 62 Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, the 25th instant, at 4 p.m.
The following gentlemen retire from the Committee of Management for 1897:—The Hon. Henry Moses, Esq., M.L.C., James R. Fairfax, Esq., F. W. A. Downes, Esq., John Hay, Esq., LL.D., John Keep, Esq., and Major J. W. Macarthur-Onslow, but are eligible for re-election. Of the vacancies two will be filled by nomination by his Excellency the Governor, two by the representative of the late W. H. Paling, Esq., and two will be elected by the subscribers.
E. R. DEAS-THOMSON } Hon.
CECIL PURSER } Secretaries.
Sydney, February 3, 1897.

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22nd December, 1896.

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LADIES AT THE NATIONAL LIBERAL CLUB.

SPEECHES BY LORD CARRINGTON AND SIR F. LOCKWOOD.

The National Liberal Club (writes the *Daily News*) evidently takes no shame to itself for proving recreant to all the honest traditions of club life, as commonly understood by the unregenerate male person; on the contrary, it perseveres in its dangerous course. Not content with setting apart certain hours of every day, and certain portions of the club premises in Northumberland-avenue, to be overrun by ladies at their own sweet will, the members for the second time, on 18th November, gave a ladies' house dinner, and Lord Carrington, who was the genial chairman on the happy occasion, even intimated that this is a feast that will be probably repeated with regularity. The significant thing was that this suggestion did not elicit a single groan, but was, on the contrary, warmly cheered, especially, it was noticed, by those Liberals who were at the time under the eyes of their wives and daughters.

Human nature being what it is, and will probably continue to be for a long time to come, there were of course some members who grumbled at these proceedings. Amongst a membership of thousands it could hardly be expected that the regular diners should find themselves turned out of their favourite seats at their accustomed tables, without a few voices being heard in protest. The opposition was nevertheless really very half-hearted, for gentlemen who had been known in odd corners to object were seen, on descending the stairs and meeting the arriving guests, to greet the lady visitors brought by fellow-members with excessive effusion, and were heard to welcome them as if they were the warmest supporters of what but two hours previously they had stormed at as an unwarrantable innovation.

Lord Carrington, as chairman of the committee (wearing the Ribbon and Star of a Knight Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George), and Lady Carrington (whose lovely diamonds sparkled under the portraits of Mr. Gladstone and Lord Granville) received the guests in the reading-room, which for this particular occasion was a reception saloon and after dinner a concert hall. The gathering was in all respects a great success, and amongst the company, which filled the fine dining hall, were Earl Carrington and Lady Carrington, Sir Frank Lockwood, Q.C., M.P., and Lady Lockwood, Sir John Hutton, L.C.C., and Lady Hutton, Sir Joseph Leese, Q.C., M.P., Mr. R. K. Causton, M.P., and Mrs. Causton, Mr. W. O. Clough, M.P., and Mrs. Clough, Mr. J. H. Dalziel, M.P., Hon. Dadabhai Naoroji, Mr. John Hatner, Major A. W. Biggs, Mr. Alexander Ritchie and Mrs. Ritchie, Mr. Thomas Lough, M.P., and Mrs. Lough, Mr. W. M. Thompson, L.C.C., and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Arthur H. Spokes, LL.B., and Mrs. Spokes, Mr. J. H. Levy, Mr. W. Edwards, jun., and Mrs. Edwards, Mr. G. H. Radford, L.C.C., and Mrs. Radford, Mr. W. W. Baynes, J.P., D.L., and Mrs. Baynes, Mr. A. Bassett Hopkins, M.A., Mr. W. D. Barnett and Mrs. Barnett, Mr. Spencer Leigh Hughes and Mrs. Spencer Leigh Hughes, Mr. Richard Eve, Dr. Farquhar Matheson and Mrs. Farquhar Matheson, Mr. E. J. Beale, Mr. A. P. Allen and Mrs. Allen, Mr. T. H. Chance and Mrs. Chance, Mr. T. Coote, jun., and Mrs. Coote, Mr. F. J. Higginbottom and Mrs. Higginbottom, Mr. John Husband and Mrs. Husband, Mr. R. A. March, Mr. Russell Spokes, L.C.C., and Mrs. Spokes, Mr. C. F. Pritchard, Mr. A. G. Pritchard, Mr. J. W. Stone and Mrs. Stone, Mr. F. Moy Thomas and Mrs. Thomas, Mr. W. H. Walkley and Mrs. Walkley, and Miss Christine Murray.

The ladies were a distinct majority in number, and among them were two Hindoo ladies, Miss Naoroji, who has just successfully passed her medical examinations and is a doctor in her own right, and Miss Patin. There was such an excellent programme of music after dessert that speechmaking was reduced to a wholesome minimum. Lord Carrington from the chair gave "The Queen," and then uprose Sir F. Lockwood, who, having been previously assured that he would not be required to make a speech, had, no doubt knowing how the promises of a chairman are habitually flouted by busy committeemen, furtively thought out a "few remarks." He improved the occasion accordingly, and said a number of exceedingly nice things about Lord Carrington, much to the gratification and approval of his hearers. "We Liberals are all very proud of him," said the portly Q.C. "It is said sometimes, I know, and not in the kindest of spirit, that the Radical dearly loves a lord. I do not see why we should not if we appreciate him; besides, for all we know, we are appreciating what we are about to lose; we shall not have many more opportunities perhaps, because I hear that practically the Liberal party have given up the manufacture of peers. So let me say of Lord Carrington that we like him, we respect him, we thank him, not because he is a lord, but because he has proved himself an able, liberal-minded, and courageous administrator both at home and abroad. And while we have this regard for him, we hope he reciprocates our feelings, and has a similar regard for the Liberal party." Sir Frank, with this, turned on the lighter installation of his characteristic humour, beseeching the chairman to read Mr. Balfour's Rochdale speech, which speech the speaker proceeded to handle to the evident relish of ladies and gentlemen alike. The references to the Government's "majestic majority," to the Balfourian allusions to the last Liberal Government as calculated to bring a blush even to the cheeks of Mr. Causton, and to the guerilla warfare and fear to fight in the open, of which the Radicals had been accused at Rochdale, were keenly appreciated. Fight in the open? Why, said Sir F. Lockwood, the Opposition chose the ground for the Education Bill battle, fought where the battle gauge was thrown down, and, what was more, they won. So Lord Carrington need not be ashamed of the Liberal party, which he had so loyally supported whether they were in Opposition or in power. No; Mr. Balfour had better on Tuesday night have assumed the devotional attitude of Sir John Gorst, gone down on his bended knee, and asked for guidance. The other side were fond of saying that the Liberals, in their ostracised condition, when they spoke cheerfully, were genial Mark Tapleys—boys whistling to keep up their spirits; but Mr. Balfour's speech clearly indicated that he was looking ahead to the time when the situation would be wholly changed. Lord Carrington having briefly responded to the heartily drunk toast, and thanked the ladies for the grace of their presence, there was exodus to the concert-room with its 13 fixtures of quartette, trio, song, and instrumental solos.

RUDYARD KIPLING AS JOURNALIST.

Once Kipling was a journalist to the marrow; and there was a real pathos in his parting with his "rag" in India which he had for years done so much to adorn, writes "One of his Editors" (Mr. E. K. Robinson) in the *Academy*. When, too, after fame was his, and America and England competed for his copy, he sent many a sketch in his best vein to the old paper at the old low rate of pay. The early hours of the first morning of his flying return visit to Lahore—his "City of Two Creeds"—saw him, for sheer love of the old work, sitting in the familiar office chair, correcting the same old proofs on the same old yellow paper, with Mian Rukn-ud-din, the Mohammedan foreman printer, flying round the press with green turban awry, informing all the hands that "Kuppuleen Sahib" had returned. And there his old editor found him when he came to the office. As a boy from school Kipling was brought out to India, and began at once to earn his modest monthly wage at the bottom of the ladder of Anglo-Indian journalism. As to shorthand reporters and sub-editors, in Kipling's day the upcountry newspaper had none. The editorial staff, comprising two men, did the entire work of getting out the daily paper. As a journalist Kipling was the man whom all editors seek and few find. He was a staff in himself. He distrusted his own powers, it is true, so much that to demand a leading article from him filled him with anguish. He said it was "above him," and he scarcely wrote five in as many years. But for every other kind of work, from writing editorial "notes" to putting side-heads to paragraphs, or reporting a police court case, he was as willing as he was gifted. To every grade of work he brought a brilliance of happy thought which placed his topic in its brightest light, a dead-sure aim with words which made his headlines fit his matter with that complete aptness which satisfies the editorial heart; a command of abrupt turns of expression which supplied humorous side-headings to small paragraphs in such taking ways that the reader could not help but read; but, more than all, he exhibited a conscientious industry and an inexhaustible pluck in his work which made his friends many times fear that the quick wheels of his mind would one day whirr and stop. He went near to it once or twice.

ENLIVENING BLUE-BOOKS.

But he never slackened in his work, of which on "high-collar" days there was more than enough. A "high-collar" day, it may be explained, was one on which no telegrams from England were received before going to press, and editorial "Notes of the Day" had to be written to fill the column which the telegrams should have occupied, thus bringing the editorial matter close up to the head (like a high collar) of the first column. At other times a multiplicity of telegrams crowded out so many "Notes of the Day" that several of these, dealing with cognate subjects, had to be strung together into what Kipling called "patent seamless" leaders. Outside contributors to papers in India nearly all belong to the civil or military services, and their contributions were often bald in style, though welcome for the information they contained. Adding the few lines of comment to qualify their contributions to be used as notes Kipling described as "fitting on the whip lash;" and his were always neatly tied and keen in application. The heaviest and most distasteful burden that Kipling bore in those journalistic days was the Blue-book. At certain seasons of the year the Government of India issues a stream of official reports. This flux of "Blue-books" has been not inaptly compared to a swarm of white ants issuing from an old beam of wood. It is the duty of the painstaking Anglo-Indian journalist to catch these reports as they come, dissect, boil down, and serve them up with such literary garnishing as may tempt the appetite of the capricious reader. Forestry, police, gaols, registration, education, public works, &c., each with its pages of statistics, come as the driest of grist to the mill, and no small portion of Kipling's working hours was devoted to the grinding thereof. Even genius cannot build in marble with mere bricks, but Kipling often went near to converting Government reports into interesting and picturesque narrative. Besides this, a great deal of sub-editor's work necessarily fell to his share when the entire drudgery of the daily paper had to be done by two men. He was an adroit wielder of scissors and pastebrush, with a quick eye for matter worth republishing, and a happy knack of knocking it into shape. As a reporter, whenever the nature of the function to be described lent itself to graphic or humorous treatment, Kipling was inimitable; and brilliant fragments of the experience thus gained of viceregal durbars or "tamashas" in native States flash from the pages of many of his later sketches. But his was a very mixed bag of work. After-dinner speeches at commemorative banquets, university convocations, race meetings, or law suits, a flower show or a military review, whatever came it was always Kipling's turn to "do" it, for there was no one else but the editor.

THE MISSION THAT FAILED.

Probably the worst job ever entrusted to Kipling was his mission to interview a notorious fakir about whom there was great religious excitement in the Punjaub, as he was reported to have cut out his tongue in order that it might, with the help of the goddess Kali, grow again in six weeks, and thus prove the verity of the Hindu faith. Kipling never found the fakir; but, through a hot Indian day, he found himself misdirected from one unsavoury slum of Amritsar to another, till he was sick to death of his quest. It no doubt suited the fakir's game to be evasive when a sahib was looking for him; and on his return to Lahore it was a very dirty and travel-stained Kipling who cheerily expressed the hope that the next time the editor wanted details of a tongue-cutting boom he would go and get them for himself. For a few, a very few hundreds of rupees a month he did the work of at least two men, and in his odd moments of leisure wrote his verses and sketches, some of which have been republished in "Departmental Ditties" "Soldiers Three," and "Plain Tales from the Hills." These were scarcely journalism, but they were the only portion of his work which ever needed "editing." His youthful fancy now and then kicked too freely over the traces of convention, and more than one sketch found its home in the wastepaper basket. As a rule, however, they were much too good for a hack's pay on a paper in the north-west of India, and even Kipling's modesty, almost a fault, could not blind him to the fact that he was selling his brainwork far below its market value, wasting its razor-edge on blocks of literally worthless and perishable matter. But he believed that he owed a debt of gratitude to the newspaper proprietors who took him on credit and gave him a salary when he was a boy fresh from school and he determined to serve them loyally for a full term of years.

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S EASTER SHOW.

NEW CLASSES AND PRIZES.

The work attaching to the preparations of the annual Easter exhibition of the Royal Agricultural Society is now in full swing for the approaching gathering. After last year's varied and generally complete display, it would almost appear impossible to make any improvements, but the energetic class of men who comprise the council, aided by the ingenuity and resource of the secretary, Mr. Webster, have shown that they are quite equal to the task of doing so. The public interest in these valuable and instructive undertakings gives evidence of greater development every year, and intending exhibitors, bearing in mind the remarkable achievements of the last and unprecedented show, fairly inundated the secretary with letters asking for copies of the prize schedule weeks before it could be got out. No better testimony is wanting of the hold the society has upon the public and the merits of its praiseworthy enterprise. The prize money exceeds £2500, including £730 in specials. The Government, through the Board for Exports, is taking a lively interest in the usefulness of the society, and it is very encouraging to see a donation of £280 for special prizes. Fifty pounds is allotted for the butter competition—the best exhibit of five boxes of butter, each of 56½lb. net weight. The boxes must be of the latest type for export, and without any brand or distinguishing mark. The labels for despatch to Sydney are provided by the society. Poultry is given two prizes, £10 and £5, the best exhibit of two cases each, ducks and fowls, 20 birds in each case, dressed, wrapped, and packed for export. The sheep for export are divided into four classes—best exhibit of 25 merino wethers not exceeding 6-tooth, £20 and £5; best exhibit of 25 crossbred wethers not exceeding 4-tooth, £20 and £5; best exhibit of 25 merino lambs (suckers) not exceeding five months, £15 and £5; best exhibit of 25 crossbred lambs (suckers), not exceeding four months, £15 and £5. The conditions are briefly that the sheep shall be judged alive by points. On the second show day two from each pen will be slaughtered, and the remainder on the third day of the show, and judged in carcase. The aggregate number of points will decide the winners. Wheat for export will appropriate £15 and £10—best exhibit of wheat, 4-bushel sack, representing a bulk not less than 100 sacks; grower to sell 100 sacks equal to exhibit by public auction during show, if called upon to do so by written notice, and failing to supply such quantity of equal sample to forfeit any prize which may have been awarded. For barley £15 and £10 are the respective prizes—best exhibit suitable for malting, 4-bushel sack, representing a bulk of not less than 50 sacks suitable for export. £10 and £5 are offered for bacon and hams—best exhibit of 20 hams and 12 sides of bacon; the hams to be cured, smoked, wrapped, and packed in suitable case. These exhibits will be stored under the direction of the Export Board on or before the 24th February. The entries close on the 20th instant. For meats and soups the prizes are £10 and £5—the best exhibit of 6doz. tins colonial meats and soups, assorted. Dried and preserved fruits are awarded similar prizes—best exhibit of not less than 10 distinct varieties dried fruits packed in cases of not less than 28lb. each, and preserved; best exhibit of not less than 24 varieties in syrup, packed in glass jars of not less than two quarts' capacity each. Rabbits and hares likewise have prizes of £10 and £5—best exhibit of 24 rabbits and 20 hares packed in proper export cases and lodged in the Government refrigerating depot on or before the 24th February. The difference in the distribution of this prize money from last year is considerable. Remount horses, for which £35 was given last Easter by the Government, are left out, as well as flour, maize, and fresh fruits. In their places we find £90 divided between four classes of sheep, instead of one of £30 last year, a more satisfactory poultry class, and the introduction of bacon and hams and rabbits and hares. The prizes for wheat and barley are raised from £15 to £25 each.

In addition to these prizes, there are a number of classes with the society's prizes on page 132 of schedule. For instance, creamery butter, 1 package of 56½lb., packed ready for export, £5 5s and £2 2s; factory butter, ditto; butter, separator ditto and champion prize of £10 10s offered by the Fresh Food and Ice Company for best exhibit of creamery, factory, or separator butter, not less than 56½lb., packed for export. Then, again, there are prizes of £5 5s and £2 2s for creamery butter, factory butter, and separator butter of 56½lb. each, manufactured for local consumption, the separator butter prize in this instance being confined to private dairymen. For fresh roll table butter, in 3lb. blocks, no print or brand, £2 2s and £1 1s, together with a special prize of £10 10s for first, and £2 2s for second, for the best box of butter of not less than 50lb., open to creamery, factory, or separator. Cheese, hams, and bacon, dressed poultry and meats, all kinds of dairy produce and fruits, are well provided for in society's awards, as well as foods, both fresh and preserved or in various stages of preservation.

The exciting features of the show are more numerous than last year. In addition to Anthony Hordern and Sons' gift of £110 for a mounted military tournament, there are various other prizes for the naval and military forces. The principal events are the Victoria Cross races for men and officers respectively, alarm race, cleaving the Turk's head, musical ride, tug-of-war for the British Navy, water jump for men of naval and military, and high jump for same. All these contests are open to the forces of the other colonies. Last year it was fully expected that the Victorians would compete, but owing to some continuous training in Melbourne they were unable. This time, however, they hope to be well represented. Major-General French, commandant, is arranging a series of competitions for the infantry forces, for which equally substantial prizes will be given.

The hunting contests are subject to new and important conditions. Previously these competitions were not handicaps; now they are. Any former winner of Tattersall's Hunters' Plate of 13st must carry 14lb extra; two previous wins account for 28lb., and three for 42lb. This applies to the gentlemen's hunting contest, 11st, as well, and is a highly popular innovation among competitors, who have in past years gone to much trouble and expense, and been repeatedly beaten by one exceptional jumper and hunter. The prizes for these events are £25, £15, £10, and £20, £10, and £5 respectively. The rider of the winning horse in the Hunters' Plate will receive a gold medal. The high jump and water jump are similar to last year's competitions, as also the ladies' hunting contest and high jump. There are pony contests, polo pony competition, and trotting exhibitions in harness and saddle.

There are the usual classes for blood horses, coaching horses, trotting horses, heavy draught, roadsters, active farm horses, teams, miscellaneous horses, hacks, and ponies of all descriptions, with and without harness. The prizes are the same amounts as last year. A special prize trophy will be presented to the best equestrienne, and prizes of £5 5s and £2 2s for best equestrienne who has never won a prize at the society's shows over hurdles. Two guineas will be given to the best boy rider under 14 years. For the best vehicle turnout driven by a lady, there is a trophy of £5 5s value. The entries in the horse sections promise to be more numerous than ever.

Cattle-breeders and dairymen can confidently look forward to some splendid exhibits of stock. Mr. J. H. Angas, of South Australia, intends being thoroughly represented with his best cattle, and this says a good deal for section 2 of the show. The classes and prizes are scheduled as before, but additional prizes have been offered since the publication of the schedule. Mr. J. H. Angas, of South Australia, has added £5 5s to the champion prize of £5 5s for the best Durham heifer or cow, making same £10 10s; Mr. John M'Lachlan gives £5 5s for best group, 1 male and 2 females, black polled Angus; Mr. Ludowici offers £5 5s, and Mr. John Baker a cattle dehorner value £2 2s, for the best pen of three dehorned cattle. In dairy cattle the prizes are equally handsome, including £10 10s, the *Sydney Mail* prize, for best milch cow, any breed, subject to a test in connection with the working dairy as to the largest quantity of butter. A new prize of £10 10s is offered by Mr. D. Bouffier for cow kept within 14 miles of G.P.O. giving largest quantity of milk and owned by exhibitor a month prior to show.

There are six classes in fat stock with prizes of £3 and £2; prizes of £10 and £5 for best exhibit of not less than three bullocks most suitable for shipment, any breed. For the pens of three fat bullocks and three fat cows, any breed, not more than [illegible] years, there are prizes of £5 5s and £3. Fat sheep have three classes—Best pen of five merino wethers, £5 5s and £3 3s; five crossbreds (ewes or wethers), not over 6-tooth, £3 3s and £2; and pen of five ditto ditto, any age, £3 3s and £2.

In section 4 (pigs) champion prizes of £[illegible] are offered for best white boar and sow, best Berkshire boar and sow other than white, and a special of £3 3s for heaviest pig on the ground. Added to the ordinary prizes for poultry a trophy valued at £5 5s is offered for the most successful exhibitor in all classes other than bantams and turkeys, a special of £1 1s for best light Brahma, and the society's silver medals for best British game, Orpington, and Langshan, cocks or cockerels. A new class, to be known as 247A, has been added, viz., best coop of [illegible] head of table poultry, assorted, suitable for export, £5 and £3. These exhibits must be sold by public auction on the grounds after the show. [illegible] medals will be awarded to the most successful exhibitors in pigeons and canaries.

Five new classes have been added to the dog section, viz.:—Great Dane or boarhound, dog or bitch; Dalmatian, dog or bitch; Dalmatian puppy, deerhound or staghound, and [illegible] foxhound. Prizes offered since the issue of the schedule are St. Bernard dog, trophy value £[illegible], by Sands and M'Dougall, for best in open class owned by resident in New South Wales; Dalmatians pair, trophy £1 5s, by Sands and M'Dougall, for best owned in New South Wales; £2 [illegible] by Mark Foy, for pairs of Irish setters and Irish setter puppies. Special prizes are offered for best English setter dog and best Airedale terrier dog or bitch, and silver medals for St. Bernard, foxhounds, and collie dogs.

The farm produce section has not been altered from last year. A special prize of £5 is [illegible] by Messrs. Fowler and Co., London, for best collection of maize, not less than four varieties, [illegible] bushel each, grower to state kind of soil on which grown and yield per acre. Every kind of produce is classed. Section 11 deals with sugar, and [illegible] implements and machinery, &c., including [illegible] dairy, six classes.

Section 13, the apparatus and processes used in common and liberal arts, artisans' works, and inventions, which attracted so much attention last year, has been considerably extended, and should add much interest to the show. The divisions are prize machinery apparatus and products, coachbuilders' and wheelwrights' work, saddlery and farriery, apparatus and application of [illegible] forestry, products raw and manufactured, furniture, &c., clothing fabrics, &c., tobacco, [illegible] mining industry and building materials.

Wines, spirits, and fermented and other drinks are provided with a number of money prizes, silver medals, and certificates. Exhibitors are asked to enter early.

NEW ZEALAND TAX ON COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.

Notices convening a meeting for 10 o'clock yesterday morning of representatives now in Sydney of English and colonial firms doing business with New Zealand were sent out yesterday, and in spite of the very short notice a good attendance was present. Mr. David Storey, M.L.A., took the chair, and explained that the meeting was called together with a view of drawing Mr. Reid's attention to the iniquity of this tax, and asking him to use his efforts towards getting the tax abolished. The representatives now in Melbourne held a meeting on Monday last, when a telegram was despatched to the Victorian Premier asking him to use his influence with Mr. Seddon to get this imposition abolished. Mr. Storey then proposed that the most effective way of drawing Mr. Reid's attention to the matter would be for the gentlemen then present to wait upon the Colonial Secretary, lay the matter before him, and ask him to kindly cable Mr. Reid. Arrangements having been made with Mr. Brunker to receive the deputation, the gentlemen present went round to the Colonial Secretary's office and were introduced to Mr. Brunker by Mr. Storey, who explained to him the object the deputation had in view. Mr. A. L. Rhodes pointed out to Mr. Brunker that the gentlemen present represented some 112 English and colonial firms, and after a few remarks by Mr. T. K. Steanes Mr. Brunker replied, expressing his sympathy with the object of the deputation, and promising to immediately despatch a cablegram to Mr. Reid, asking him to use his influence with Mr. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, with a view to getting what he considered a most unjust tax abolished. Having thanked Mr. Brunker for his courtesy the deputation withdrew, well satisfied that their efforts would be ably seconded by Mr. Brunker and Mr. Reid.

TRANSIT COMMISSION.

The Transit Commission's weekly meeting was held yesterday, the Mayor presiding. Approval was given to a recommendation that the names of persons owning omnibuses, and who were not a registered company, should be printed outside the door of each 'bus. It was reported that several 'bus owners, who were not members of a registered company, had adopted the initials of a company, the vehicles being practically owned by one or two persons. Mr. T. B. Clune, Petersham, wrote, complaining of the practice of 'bus drivers placing their whips at right angles to the 'bus, projecting a good distance from the seat. The Hargrave-street and Point Piper-road Omnibus Company wrote, submitting a sketch of 'buses they were willing to use in order to provide accommodation for ladies who were desirous of riding on the outside of a 'bus. The sketch showed that there would be staircase steps at the rear of the vehicle. It was decided that the first 'bus should be submitted before starting. An officer reported on the drivers and 'buses at Manly during his visit from 21st to 27th January. He found only one unlicensed driver, and on Anniversary Day, when there were many persons wishing to go to Narrabeen, &c., one unlicensed waggonette was used. The application of Mr. Thomas Brady to run 'buses from Park-road, Paddington, via Regent, Stuart, Elizabeth, and Oxford streets, to the Quay, instead of from Prince Alfred Hospital to Sydney, was refused, as there was a sufficient number of 'buses engaged on what was a similar route to the former. A number of drivers were called before the board. Many of them were cautioned that licenses would not be granted to those men who had dirty attire. Some of them were told that they should appear as neatly as other persons, but their dress was a disgrace. One man who it was stated was reported upon for wearing shabby clothes was told by one commissioner on appearing before the board, so improved was his whole appearance, that "he looked as if he was dressed for an evening party." "Now for the credit of yourself and the credit of others listen to what the Mayor will tell you," remarked the same member of the board, and the Mayor gave some advice to the driver. Others were warned about drinking, breaches of the regulations, and other misconduct.

A respected solicitor of a town in the Midlands has lately been the victim of a charge laid under extraordinary circumstances. It appears that the gentleman and his wife were roused from sleep about [illegible] o'clock one morning by unusual sounds below stairs. Proceeding to investigate the cause, the master of the house surprised a little picnicking party in the kitchen with teacups laid, and was just in time to catch a masculine figure disappearing through the door. The lawyer promptly applied his poker to the back of the stranger before he discovered that the man he was belabouring was a constable of the force. The police court saw the sequel of the incident, for the chief constable induced the town clerk to issue a summons for assault. The magistrates imposed a fine of 5s and costs, whereupon the aggrieved defendant demanded and obtained an investigation by the Watch Committee. The result of the inquiry was that the committee came to the decision that the blows were justified, and, having reprimanded and fined the constable, apologised to the lawyer and his wife.

"YANKEE Doodle now made Light, as well as Dark. Gentlemen smokers try the Light."—[Advt.]

Federal Convention Elections.

TO THE ELECTORS OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

GENTLEMEN,—Our people have again shown their federal bona fides by deciding to elect representatives to the Federal Convention, and I respectfully submit my views on Federation to you in the hope that you may approve them and honour me with your vote.

I think that Federationists may fairly be divided into two classes—the practical and the sentimental.

To the former I claim to belong, and whilst keeping in view the great possibilities of Federated Australia, I realise that our people will require to be shown each step they are expected to take, and no step will be taken unless it has the approval of the majority.

It is well known that I am not a latter-day federationist, as I was favoured with the confidence of our Grand Old Federal Chief (Sir Henry Parkes), and from the date of Lord Carrington's letter to him in 1889, approving his plan of federation, until his death, I was honoured with his confidence, and he frequently explained his views on federation to me, in detail.

At the last general election I placed Federation first, and paid the penalty, as the question was then obscured by a party struggle, but it is now admitted that the question of the greatest importance for our colony and all the other Australian colonies is Federation.

I realise how impossible it is to deal with every question within the limits of a newspaper address, but as I shall have many opportunities of speaking in public before the day of election I hope to be able to place my views before as large a number as will ensure my election.

CLEARING THE GROUND.

By the action of those opposed to Federation its advocates are bound to show its advantages, and to my mind one of the most convincing arguments in favour of Australian federation is the success that has followed the federations which are more or less the basis on which we seek to build.

Ask a Canadian, a citizen of the United States, or a Swiss, if he would willingly vote for disunion in his provinces, states, or cantons, and the reply will invariably be no, the people of those countries valuing their federation as the solid foundation of their liberties and the greatest factor in their progress.

When to this I add that any constitution which will be accepted for Federated Australia will be superior in many details to that of any other federation, avoiding their defects, and profiting by their experience, I can fairly claim that anti-federalists should cease making charges until the proposed bill has been prepared by the Convention. Meantime I suggest a few questions for anti-federalists to answer.

QUESTIONS FOR ANTI-FEDERALISTS.

Will it not be a great gain for New South Wales to have the trade of all the Federated Colonies thrown open to her immediately she joins the Federation, a trade for which we have now to compete as if we were foreigners?

Will it not be a gain to New South Wales to be part of a strong Federation with a Federal Judiciary, uniform laws regarding defence, quarantine, tariffs, patents, &c., instead, as now, dissimilar or conflicting laws in each colony?

Is it not more than probable that under federation Sydney will be the New York of Australia—Sydney, Newcastle, and Illawarra the Sheffield, Birmingham, and Middlesex of the Southern Seas?

And can it be reasonably doubted that Sydney would become the terminus of international ocean routes, virtually controlling the shipping of Western America and the South Seas? These are only examples of some of the benefits New South Wales would derive from federation.

FALSE ISSUES AND IMAGINARY DIFFICULTIES.

But whilst unable to refute the above claims some are trying to injure the federal cause by raising false issues and proposing imaginary difficulties.

Despite what objectors say, it is a fact that the Federal Government will be unable to deprive our colony of one inch of our territory, one yard of our railway, one shilling of our revenue, or interfere in any way with our self-government, unless we are consenting parties, and five distinct steps, involving much time for careful revision, have to be taken before New South Wales can join the Federation.

All this preparatory work will be done in the strong light of public opinion and subject to the able criticism of our press.

OPINIONS ON THE DEBATABLE CLAUSES.

Believing as I do that Candidates for the Federal Convention should state their views clearly, whilst reserving the right to modify or enlarge them where compromise is found to be necessary, I state concisely my opinion on the more important questions, and in my public addresses I shall be prepared to discuss each question in detail.

FINANCE.

This is admitted to be one of the most difficult of all the problems to be solved, and I have closely studied it in all its bearings.

At the Bathurst Convention I was honoured by being elected one of the Special Committee appointed to deal with the question of Federal Finance, and the report we brought up is known briefly as the "Commercial Basis" of Federation. This report, I may state, was unanimously adopted by the Bathurst Convention.

My business training and experience are thought by my friends to be such as qualify me to deal with this complicated question, and an intimate knowledge of Australasian trade will, I think, help me to intelligently state the true position of New South Wales when the question of finance and trade comes up for discussion.

Defects have been shown to exist in all the schemes so far proposed, and with the clearer light being daily thrown on the subject, an equitable system of federal finance will be made possible.

COMMERCIAL BASIS.—In dealing with federal finance I admit that I favour the principal of the "Commercial Basis," which briefly stated means "each colony is to receive from the Federal Government, by monthly payments, all moneys in excess of those that it is agreed shall be retained by the Federal Government as each colony's contribution to its maintenance," in other words, that "we leave the revenue of each colony the same as now, less our share of the cost of the Federal Government."

I know that such a basis under present conditions will insure to New South Wales a surplus, and result in a deficit to some of the other colonies.

I also know that there are difficulties in the way of a Federal Government working on a "Commercial Basis," but it is a system every one can understand, and it effectually robs the anti-federalists of their "cry" that we propose a "leap in the dark."

I do not say that a better basis than the "Commercial" cannot be found; but it has the merit of simplicity and fairness, and I am sure it would pave the way for a more perfect system when the present mistrust has been removed, and the interests of each colony under Federation are more fully recognised.

CONSOLIDATION OF OUR DEBTS.

As the Consolidation of our Australian Debts would mean a saving of about £500,000 per annum, a further saving on all future loans, and the probability of our stock being placed in the trustees' list of Great Britain, I am prepared to support a well-devised scheme which will bring about this favorable result without sacrificing any interest vital to our colony.

RAILWAYS.

Our people are justly proud of our splendid railway property, and will jealously watch every proposal regarding it.

The suggestion of unreservedly pooling our paying railways with the non-paying railways of the other colonies is so impossible as to be hardly worth refuting.

Federation, of course, implies intercolonial free trade, and it follows that differential railway rates, as now known, must cease, else a source of friction would exist that would make the colonies anything but a "Happy Family."

That this friction is not an unlikely contingency is proved by the fact that the Federal Parliament of the United States had to pass an Inter-State Railway Bill, with the object of preventing the unfair competition that was prejudicial to some States and parts of States.

It is generally admitted that there are two ways of meeting this difficulty:

First, by enacting that "no State shall pass any law or regulation imposing a differential railway tariff on the carriage of passengers or goods with the object of drawing trade away from its natural channel."

This would leave the entire control of our railway in our hands as at present, and prevent a war of railway rates.

Second, by agreeing that if the Federal Government assumes our State debt of 62 millions, our railways, which cost 36 millions, will be their security.

In my opinion that outlined in the first proposal is our safer course, as it leaves our Parliament free to continue a vigorous railway policy, the possibility of friction is removed, and a way is left open to us to join a federal railway system if after experience we decide that such a step is desirable.

ZONE SYSTEM.—One possibility I foresee is the introduction of the Zone system in the conduct of our railways, which would recognise the just claims of our people who producing at a distance from our ports are at the present time heavily handicapped by the long land carriage.

STATE RIGHTS.

A True Federation recognises both the nation and the States, each complete in itself and independent of the other; therefore, I prefer the principle of equal representation in the Senate, as adopted by the United States and Switzerland, indeed, I doubt if there can be an Australian Federation unless the principle of equal State rights is conceded.

Many opponents are making capital out of the possibility of a deadlock occurring between the two Houses; but as the Senate will be elective, the Senators will be as anxious to keep in touch with the people as the members of our Legislative Assembly at present are, the people having the power to punish, by rejection, a Senator whose action they disapprove.

DEADLOCKS.—But in the event of a deadlock arising I favour both Houses meeting, discussing and voting as one, the majority to decide the issue.

In the Swiss Confederation the two Houses sit together to transact certain specified business, and the system has worked satisfactorily.

REFERENDUM.—Presuming that it may be necessary to provide still further for troubles that may arise between the two Houses, no scheme proposed is to my mind quite satisfactory; but that which I favour most is a careful adaptation of the referendum, one condition being that there must be a majority of the people's votes in a majority of the States before the issue is finally decided.

This difficult question I have only outlined, but shall deal with it very fully in my public address.

FEDERAL FRANCHISE.—I am in favour of the Federal Parliament deciding the Federal Franchise, and, if elected to that Parliament, will vote for a bill on the lines of our New South Wales Act.

ELECTION OF SENATORS.

As I have always favoured the election of our Legislative Councillors, and opposed their nominations, I am in favour of the members of the Federal Senate being elected by the people, and for preference advocate the Hare system, which worked so successfully in the recent elections in Hobart and Launceston.

I also favour the election of the Senators by the whole colony as one Electorate, as if the colony is divided into eight electorates sectional influences will prevail, and as the Senators are to represent the whole colony, not a portion of it, I hold that the colony as one electorate is the true principle.

FEDERAL CAPITAL.

I do not think it unfederal to argue that New South Wales has stronger claims on the Capital being within her territory than any other colony.

Sir Henry Parkes was blamed for not insisting on this at the last Convention, but I had it direct from him that at that time there was no doubt that the Capital would have been established in N.S.W., and he even indicated which in his opinion was a favourable locality.

From what I have explained you will see that I hold definite opinions on the most difficult questions to be submitted to the Convention, but I admit that with fuller information than is at present available I may modify or enlarge the opinions now expressed, always keeping in view the interests of New South Wales without violating any principle of true Federalism.

Hoping to be favoured with your kindly interest and vote, and assuring you that I shall highly esteem a seat on the Federal Convention, which will give me the opportunity of moulding the Constitution for my native land,

I am,
Very truly yours,
(Signed) JAMES MARTIN.

FEDERAL CONVENTION ELECTIONS.
Hon. J. H. CARRUTHERS (Minister for Lands)
will deliver his first address on
"THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION"
at the
SCHOOL OF ARTS, KOGARAH,
THIS EVENING, 4th February,
at 8 o'clock.

SIR ARTHUR RENWICK
will
ADDRESS THE ELECTORS
on the
FEDERATION QUESTION
at the PROTESTANT HALL, Sydney,
on FRIDAY, February 5th.
The Right Worshipful the MAYOR of SYDNEY
will take the Chair
at 8 o'clock.

FEDERATION.
Mr. JOHN HAYNES,
Member for Wellington,
will OPEN his FEDERAL CAMPAIGN
with an
ADDRESS to the SYDNEY ELECTORS
on
NEXT SATURDAY EVENING
from the Balcony GOSFORD CLUB HOTEL,
opp. Australia Hotel, Castlereagh-street,
Commence 8 p.m.

TO THE ELECTORS OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

GENTLEMEN,—

In offering myself as a Candidate for the Federal Convention of my native land, I may say I do not aspire to represent any party, any class, or any section of the people. I am not a professional politician, and have no personal object to gain by election. For ten years past I have given *the fullest and freest expression* to my opinions on all matters of public importance without reference to whether such opinions were popular or the reverse, so there should not now be any necessity for reiteration. If you do me the honour to elect me, whatever ability I have will be devoted to the one object of drafting a Constitution that will be acceptable to the people of Australia, conserving to the utmost the principle of local government in each State, and leaving room for the growth and development of the Federation. To make such a Constitution must be a work of compromise, as no State can claim the right to enforce its views on all the rest either now or later on; but the things I think should come under Federal control are public debts, Customs and excise, defences, postal arrangements, patents, marriage laws, and the main trunk lines of railways, leaving tramways and branch lines under State control, and also public lands as a source of State revenue. It seems to me that altogether too much has been made of financial difficulties. The distribution of Federal expenditure cannot be worse, and must be better, than our present system of thinly-veiled bribery to supporters of those in power. The talk of public lands and railways as State assets seems to me nonsense. The assets of a nation are not its public works or public lands, but the ability of the people to bear taxation, and its honesty, and these pass of necessity to the Federal Government, which represents the nation. I would support the principle of equal State rights, or "one State one vote" in one Chamber, and representation on the basis of population in the other. And I do not mean to make a personal canvass of the colony. If you elect me, that will be well; and if you reject me in favour of someone more competent, that also will be well; and I, at any rate, will have done my part in offering my services.

W. E. ABBOTT.

Wingen, February, 1897.

TO THE ELECTORS OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

Gentlemen,—In view of the Federal Election, I beg leave to offer myself as a candidate. I want neither pay nor honours, my hope being that I may serve my native country at a time when assistance may be needed. Guided by addresses and speeches so far, it is not easy to know what is meant. The scheme promises well for our neighbours. But what advantages are we to derive? We have the finest country in the world (no empty boast), and with better government we ought to do well enough as we are. Still, federation is desirable, and Queensland, no doubt, would join if any show of reason presented itself; but let us take care we are not to be placed at any disadvantage. All sorts of wild schemes and wild talk will go on to the confusion of our electors, and it would be well if many of our politicians especially could be eliminated for a time, so that some fair play might be attempted. I appeal to the thousands of our producers who now deal with my firm, and to our workers, with whom I have always sympathised; I can refer to all who have worked for me. I have worked hard enough myself, and my experiences of New South Wales extend from farming pursuits to the successful management of one of the largest mercantile businesses in Australia.

I can also boast of some knowledge of federation, both ancient and modern, and promise our electors that if favoured with their choice to devote my best abilities to their welfare.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN BRIDGE.

THE FEDERAL CONVENTION.

ADDRESS
by
Mr. EDMUND BARTON, Q.C.,
at the
NEW MASONIC HALL,
CASTLEREAGH-STREET,
TO-NIGHT,
at 8 o'clock.

FEDERAL CONVENTION.
ADDRESS by the Hon. Dr. CULLEN, M.L.C., at the SCHOOL OF ARTS, Burwood, on FRIDAY NEXT, at 8 p.m.
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EXTRADITION PROCEDURE.

The arrest and extradition of the man Butler, whose name has figured so conspicuously in connection with the Glenbrook murders, suggests a scrutiny of the details of extradition procedure. The treaty on which this procedure is founded dates back to 1842, the 10th article of the treaty providing for the reciprocal surrender by Great Britain and the United States of America of fugitive criminals from either country upon requisition by the other. The original Acts passed to give effect to the treaty—the one in England in 1843 and the other in the United States in 1848—have become incorporated in later legislative provisions in both countries. In the United Kingdom and colonies the Imperial Acts of 1870, 1873, and 1895 form our compendium of procedure; whilst in the United States the Revised Statute Title 66 and the supplementary statute of 1882 regulate the practice of the American extradition courts. The procedure, though noticeably cumbrous and not free from the defect of circuity of method, with its attendant delay and expense, has been found in practical experience to be on the whole fairly workable. In one respect, however, it distinctly calls for comment. We refer to the provision for arrest of fugitive offenders in urgent cases when there is no time to prepare and forward the usual papers, or when escape can be stopped by the use of the cable alone. It must be obvious at once that no scheme of extradition can be completely effective unless it contains very explicit and complete provision of the kind. Nearly all criminals who seek an asylum in distant countries have a fair start of the law before their crime is even suspected. A few days' advantage in this way may, and often does, mean the escape of the offender for good, where the electric cable is not available. In the present case it may not be so, since the ordinary steam mail service has been easily able to overtake the Swanhilda; and yet, speaking quite independently of Butler's case it is a matter of very common experience that without international recognition of telegraphic communication as a means to secure prompt arrest extradition treaties would be of very limited value. Now the original treaty of 1842 contains no reference to this procedure of what is technically known as "provisional arrest," for the very simple reason that in those days the most ready and rapid mode of outstripping crime by flashing a spark across the ocean-bed was not known, the first Atlantic cable only coming into existence some 20 years or so later. And for the same reason in the two original Acts of 1843 and 1848 before referred to there is a similar omission. In 1870, however, when provisional arrest, owing to improvement in the means of communication, had become a very practical reality, and when ample time had elapsed to test the working value of the existing treaty and Acts, the English Government apparently came to the conclusion that the state of the law on extradition required serious amendment in this respect as well as in others. Accordingly, the Extradition Act of 1870 made its appearance in the Statute Book, and in the matter of provisional arrest very specific and ample provision was made. Sub-section 2 of section 8 of that Act enacts that a warrant for immediate arrest may be obtained without the production of any detailed evidence such as a Court would insist upon if the offender were standing his trial. The practice is simple, and the words of the Act are clear. Upon receipt of a telegram from the Government he represents setting forth the alleged offence, stating that a warrant has been issued and that extradition will be demanded, the representative of the foreign Government has only to swear an information against the offender and to produce the telegram to the magistrate when a warrant is at once granted, and the criminal is lawfully detained until the arrival of the necessary papers, subject, however, to the approval of the Secretary of State. This procedure, of course, only applies to absconding foreigners who are arrested in England or other part of the Imperial dominions, and are being extradited thence to their own country for trial. An English fugitive offender who goes to America is, of course, not affected by this law. His arrest, detention, and extradition are governed by the law of the United States, which is far less precise and explicit than our statute. The power of arrest exercisable by United States magistrates is conferred by section 5270 of the Revised Statute Title 66 above mentioned, which provides that a magistrate may "upon complaint made under oath charging any person with having committed within the jurisdiction of any foreign Government any of the crimes provided for by treaty" issue his warrant for the apprehension of the alleged criminal "to the end that the evidence of criminality may be heard and considered." And further provision is made for the surrender of the criminal to the foreign Government if the magistrate on the hearing considers the evidence sufficient to sustain the charge, and due requisition is made to the Secretary of State by the Government concerned. It is at once noticeable that there is no clear mention of any provisional arrest here, and that the magistrate's warrant has every appearance of being just such as would be issued in the ordinary course, when the criminal would be at once brought before the Court, and when the prosecutor would be expected to go on with his case, repeated remands without the production of any evidence not being permitted. It is not easy to understand why the draftsman of this section was not more explicit if he intended the ordinary procedure after arrest to be departed from, and one hesitates to believe it was intended to provide for anything more than the usual arrest and for the hearing in due course and without any delay of the evidence tendered in support of the demand for extradition. It has, however, been decided by the highest tribunal in the United States, viz. the Supreme Court, that this statute *does* give the power of "provisional arrest," such as has been provided for, in almost as many words, by our own Act of 1870 above quoted; and it may be taken to be the law of the United States that, speaking generally and without going into precise detail, the provisional warrant is issued in the same way and the same practice is followed after its issue as in England. The celebrated case of the criminal Benson, decided in 1886, at once raised and settled this point. So that we have the case law of the United States carrying us to the same point that the English legislation of 1870 does; the one by judicial dictum, construing a vague and loosely-worded statute, the other by clear and explicit enactment. Yet this can hardly be regarded as quite satisfactory. Thus an American Secretary of State, writing in 1890, states that though this matter of provisional arrest is "one of the most important practical questions relating to extradition," it is noticeable that no mention of it is made in most of the treaties between the United States and other countries—an omission which he evidently thinks is unfortunate. And if this is Mr. Secretary Moore's comment on the state of the treaties, it does not stand alone. For in more than one quarter we have a very practical proof of what foreign countries, which are concerned equally with ourselves, *think of the matter*. Thus Italy has obtained a specific amendment of her extradition treaty so as to make the right of provisional arrest clear and free from uncertainty. Japan, too, in 1886 concluded a treaty with the United States which, by the sixth clause, confers the right on each Power in language which cannot be made clearer. The words are worth quoting:—"On being informed by telegraph or other written communication through the diplomatic channel that a lawful warrant has been issued by competent authority upon probable cause for the arrest of a fugitive criminal charged with any of the crimes enumerated in article 2 of the treaty, and on being assured from the same source that a request for the surrender of such criminal is about to be made in accordance with the provisions of the treaty, such Government will endeavour to procure so far as it lawfully may the provisional arrest of such criminal, and keep him in safe custody for a reasonable time, not exceeding two months, to await the production of the documents upon which the claim for extradition is founded." That is a simple and perfectly intelligible statement of intention, leaving nothing for the courts to fight over or cavil at. It was, no doubt, suggested from the fact that neither the United States Act, Title 66, quoted above, nor the treaty with Great Britain seemed to be quite satisfactory in form, inasmuch as neither contained definite provision for preliminary arrest. Hence the clause we have just set out *verbatim* was drawn to remedy a manifest defect. Three years later the extradition treaty with the Netherlands contained in its 12th clause a like provision; whilst the supplementary treaty with Spain deals specially with this very point. Nor ought we to omit mention of the 7th article of the treaty between Peru and the United States made as far back as 1874, which sets forth that, in cases not admitting delay, and especially in those where there is danger of the criminal escaping, each of the Governments may obtain arrest immediately, on condition that the extradition is formally completed within four months. In all these cases it is obvious that the authorities of each of the States contracting the treaty must have had a clear opinion of the necessity of some more explicit and less ambiguous provision for preliminary arrest than was contained in the treaty and statute under review; otherwise nothing would have been more simple than to copy the old verbiage word for word, which has at least the merit of brevity, even if it is obscure. But it is hardly possible to turn to any of the modern treaties or statutes without finding some very much clearer words than Great Britain and her colonies have to depend upon in case of demanding extradition from the States. Perhaps the most recent criticism and review of all existing extradition treaties is to be found in the proceedings of the International American Conference held in 1888, when a draft international penal code was drawn up by the delegates assembled, the 44th article of which seems to indicate what is really wanted to avoid doubt and dispute. Under the title "Precautionary Arrest" we have the following:—"In cases of urgency the State upon which the demand of extradition is made shall order the precautionary arrest of the offender, if so asked by mail or telegraph by the State which makes the demand, on condition, however, that a warrant of arrest against the said offender is positively asserted to have been issued, and the nature of the offence with which he is charged is clearly stated and defined." We need not go further into detail. It is abundantly clear that no modern treaty omits such a provision, which is very rightly regarded by the leading authorities as an essential part of every well-drawn international extradition agreement. And it is perhaps not too much to say that nothing would be lost and probably much would be gained by the adoption as between the United Kingdom and the United States of a supplementary article setting forth the rights and duties of each country in this all-important matter, so that he who runs may read.

TENDERS OPENED.

Tenders were opened by the Tender Board of the Public Works Department yesterday as follows:—Alterations, additions, &c., police cottage, &c., Cooma, 13 tenders, to be reported upon; erection of timber beam bridge over Badger's Creek, on road from Araluen to Moruya, nine tenders, W. Backhouse lowest, £83 18s 6d; erection of timber beam bridge No. 2 over swamp near Seven Hills station, seven tenders, H. Seiler lowest, £203; erection of bathroom at post and telegraph office, Bourke, no tenders received; repairs to Coroner's Court, Chancery-square, Sydney, six tenders, Edwin Quartly lowest, £26; erection of timber beam bridge No. 1, over swamp near Seven Hills station, seven tenders, to be reported upon; erection of a timber beam bridge over Little Malabar Creek, main South Coast Road, near Moruya, six tenders, P. Lynch lowest, £146; repairs, &c., police barracks, East Maitland, four tenders, John Irwin lowest, £74; excavation of tank for water supply at Cunningbland Creek, Parkes to Condobolin railway, three tenders, Thomas Lees lowest, £1066 11s 8d; supply of multitubular boiler, shafting, &c., Hospital for the Insane, Kenmore, three tenders, James Donohoe lowest, £626 6s; manufacture, supply, &c., of wrought-iron poles and brackets, contract No. 2 George-street and Harris-street electric tramway, three tenders received, to be reported upon; construction of a wharf at the new entrance to the Macleay River, two tenders, G. E. Moore lowest, £265; erection of a timber beam bridge over Green Gully, on the road from Windeyer to Queen's Pinch, three tenders, W. F. Oakes lowest, £697 17s 6d; repairs, &c., post-office, Gundagai, three tenders, D. D. Vaughan lowest, £87 5s.

SOUTH SYDNEY RAILWAY STATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Mr. Knapp is right in regard to "Redfern Railway Station." It is not Redfern, and should be called either "Devonshire-street station" or "South Sydney station." But with Mr. Knapp's main contention I am not in accord, for neither Devonshire-street nor George-street West constitutes the "business end" of the city, and it is there the people, either from suburbs or country, should be conveyed direct. It is a nuisance, this shifting from train to tram or 'bus before one's journey is completed, and, besides, are we to perpetuate all this unnecessary street traffic? If we must have street traffic let it be either by steam or electricity, for horses take up too much room and they are dirty; besides 'buses are too slow and all behind the age. A central railway station somewhere north of King-street need not be very large, and see how it would relieve our congested streets. But, may I ask, what have we in this direction done that we should be deprived of our park? Mr. Knapp and his friends are terribly put out because the Railway Commissioners propose to take only a slice of Hyde Park, yet Mr. Knapp would hand them over the whole of Prince Alfred Park with a couple of churches and as many schoolhouses thrown in. No matter whether the railway is taken beyond Devonshire-street or not I, for one, think we should hold fast to our Prince Alfred Park, save perhaps a small angle piece near Devonshire-street, which, I believe, the Corporation have promised the Commissioners for the purpose of extending the Railway Institute. And if the so-called Redfern station is to be enlarged and made a permanent terminal station, then that part of Mr. Knapp's plan which embraces the resumption of the east side of Regent-street from the tunnel might well be adopted, though there is no earthly reason why St. Paul's Church or school should be touched, seeing that neither is in the way. The land obtained from the tunnel to George-street West would make a vast amount of difference to railway facilities and give a splendid all-round frontage. And to set an example to those who howl at the idea of Hyde Park being touched I would even give way to this extent. Say a piece of Prince Alfred Park, from Cleveland-street, near St. Paul's fence, in a straight line to the junction of Devonshire and Castlereagh streets, be surrendered to the Railway Commissioners, that would leave us our noble schoolhouse (the first Public school built in the colony) and the Exhibition Building intact, and add a considerable area to the station yard. But in that case the produce sheds should be removed and Devonshire-street frontage devoted entirely to passenger traffic. But, in my opinion, this improvement would merely be temporary, for neither Devonshire-street nor Regent-street is the city centre. No doubt a large station is required at this end as a local station for South Sydney and portions of Redfern. Redfern station proper is, of course, at Eveleigh. But the real remedy for the congested railway traffic is separate railway termini. Here we have Northern, Southern, Western, and Coast lines all brought to one point, and the traffic all dependent upon an absolutely clear line from Eveleigh to the existing station. Suppose the tunnel collapsed or a big collision occurred there, there would be four lines of railway blocked for some time—whether hours or days is simply a matter of degree. How much better to have the Northern terminus at Pyrmont or Balmain, or even Miller's Point; in either case presupposing a bridge across some portion of the harbour. In our present system we "carry all our eggs in one basket," but as I suggest, with short connecting lines, there would always be one or two terminal stations open, even though one should be blown up sky high. This concentration system is the cause of all the trouble with our existing trams. There is only one starting-place at the city end, and people suffer, because it is a matter of impossibility for the tramway people to get the trams away quicker. Distribute the lines and the troubles which now obtain would cease. To my mind the Railway Commissioners do wonders considering the wretched amount of space at their disposal. Yet the citizens of Sydney deny them a strip of Hyde Park to make things better, and as soon as an accident occurs everybody is down upon them, and talk as stupidly as if these gentlemen were solely responsible. Want of room is the cause of all the trouble, and, therefore I say divide *the accommodation*, and, believe me, railway affairs will be carried on much more satisfactorily to the public.

In regard to Mr. Knapp's argument about extending our railways into the heart of the colony. They already go there, and do not pay. Railways to the interior have been constructed at great cost to the community for the use of a few persons, and then it is objected to by these very persons that a mile or so of railway in the city should be constructed, which would pay better than any 50 miles of line inland, and would be as much for the use and benefit of those who object as for the citizens of Sydney. Where a railway is likely to pay, no matter in which direction, there should one be constructed; but seeing that the main trunk lines are complete no further construction inland should take place, with our present population, unless it was pretty well a certainty that the line would pay. Of course we have bungled in the past, both in the matter of construction and management, and the present Commissioners have had to pay the piper—at any rate, upon them has been cast the responsibility of undoing some of the blunders of the past, as well as no end of abuse from those who gave and received patronage. That they have done well is acknowledged by pretty well all classes of the people, and we may well trust them with the matter of a further extension of railway into the city.

I am, &c.,
G. C. JOHNSON.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In reference to Mr. E. J. H. Knapp's contention advocating the retention of the Sydney Railway terminus in its present position, will you allow me to say that if Mr. Knapp's other arguments have no better foundation in fact than that based on the alleged remaining of Williamstown as Port Melbourne they are not worth much. Port Melbourne is not Williamstown, and never was. Port Melbourne is the place formerly called Sandridge, and is on the opposite side of Hobson's Bay to Williamstown, which still retains its original appellation.

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LAW REPORT.

SUPREME COURT.—WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3.
In Chambers.—(Before Mr. Justice SIMPSON.)

RE THOMAS CARROLL.

Mr. Jamieson appeared for the applicant, Thomas Carroll, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi to restrain Peter Boland and Thomas Brimbrick, Js.P., of Grenfell, and George Henry Green and Edward Joyce, from further proceeding upon an order by which Carroll was fined £10 on a charge brought against him by Messrs. Green and Joyce of trespassing upon their property. The appeal was based on the ground that the magistrates had no jurisdiction to hear and determine the matter at issue, inasmuch as Carroll resided at Burrowa, and not within the Grenfell district. Mr. Pringle appeared for the respondents to oppose the application. After hearing the affidavits and counsel,

His Honor said that, as the late Sir James Martin pointed out in the case of ex parte Osborne (14 S.C.R.), the jurisdiction of these inferior Courts—Courts of Petty Sessions—was conferred on them by the 10th Vic., No. 10, and the jurisdiction exercised was one unknown to the common law. Sir James Martin, in the case referred to, said he was clearly of opinion that the jurisdiction was of so highly summary a character that it should be strictly construed. Well, he had to consider the words of the section which said that these inferior Courts should have jurisdiction over those who usually resided within the jurisdiction of the Court. Here there was no evidence that defendant usually resided within the jurisdiction of the Court, and therefore the magistrates had no power to make the order.

Rule absolute to set aside the order with costs. His Honor added that he hoped the Prothonotary in taxing the costs would be careful to see that affidavits which contained unnecessary matter were not allowed as if they contained necessary matter.

REGINA V. HOWARD.

Mr. Ash (of Messrs. Thompson and Ash) appeared for the prisoner, John Howard, and moved for an order for bail. Mr. Pollock, instructed by the Crown solicitor, appeared for the Crown, to submit to any order the court might make. It appeared that prisoner had been committed for trial at Singleton on a charge of rape, but the Attorney-General had decided not to proceed on that charge, but upon one provided for in the second portion of section 40 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act.

His Honor granted the application and fixed the bail at £200, for the accused, and two sureties of £100 each.

In Divorce.—(Before Mr. Justice SIMPSON.)

FORMAL ORDERS.

Du Moulin v. Du Moulin.—On the motion of Mr. Whitfeld an order was made for the payment of £50 towards the costs of the suit for judicial separation. The matter was originally adjourned with a view to a settlement, but as the parties could not agree as to the custody of the child, it was resolved to proceed with the matter.

Hablethwaite v. Hablethwaite.—This application, which was one for attachment, was by consent struck out without prejudice to the petitioner's right to renew the application if necessary.

Shepherd v. Shepherd.—In this matter, which was a motion to make absolute a rule nisi for a writ of sequestration, it was announced that the difficulty had been settled, and the case was struck out.

Looke v. Looke.—Mr. Whitfeld appeared for the petitioner, and moved for a rule nisi for a writ of attachment against respondent for non-payment of arrears of alimony amounting to £25. The rule was granted, and made returnable in a week.

DECREE ABSOLUTE.

His Honor made absolute the decree nisi in the suit Wilhelmina Kenzel versus Hermann Kenzel and declared the marriage dissolved accordingly, petitioner to have the custody of the children.

In Probate.—(Before Mr. Justice SIMPSON.)

PROBATES AND ADMINISTRATIONS.

Probates were granted in the estates of Alfred James Monks and William Wormald, and letters of administration were granted in the estates of William Henry Yeo, Honorah Carey, and Robert Kedie Richard Scott Jennings.

In Bankruptcy.—(Before the REGISTRAR.)

CREDITOR'S PETITION.

Robert Reid and Co. v. Burnett Hyam Hyman. On the application of Mr. Russell, who appeared for the petitioning creditors, an order of sequestration was made, and Mr. L. T. Lloyd was appointed official assignee.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATIONS.

Adolph Pfrunder, of Mahonga, hotelkeeper and farmer. Mr. N. F. Giblin, official assignee.

John Clark, of Millfield, farmer. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

QUARTER SESSIONS.—WEDNESDAY.
At Darlinghurst.—(Before Judge DOCKER *and juries of 12.)*

Mr. G. H. Simpson was the Crown Prosecutor.

RECOGNISANCE ESTREATED.

John Lester, who had been allowed out on bail, was called to answer an indictment charging him with having stolen a watch and chain and 6s 6d, the property of Herbert Walden. He failed to appear when called, and his recognisance was ordered to be estreated, and a bench warrant was issued for Lester's apprehension.

NOT GUILTY.

Henry Doyle on arraignment pleaded not guilty to a charge of having on the 25th December maliciously wounded Thomas Binks. The evidence of the principal witness was to the effect that on Christmas Day seeing Doyle knock a woman down he interfered, and Doyle stabbed him in the arm. Accused denied having stabbed or assaulted the complainant witness. A verdict of not guilty was returned, and Doyle was discharged.

COUNTERFEIT COIN.

Nicholas Berthoneaux, a Frenchman, was arraigned on a charge of having on the 31st December in his possession four pieces of counterfeit coin knowing them to be counterfeit. The jury returned a verdict of guilty. He was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment.

SENTENCES.

The following sentences were passed:—William John Greville Masham Paine, three charges of forgery and uttering, 12 months' imprisonment with hard labour; John King, stealing, three years'; Otto Meerman, assault, two years'. Edward Rosser, soliciting to commit a crime and assault, two years'; Thomas Martin, breaking and entering, three years' hard labour; William Brown and Thomas Coulter, horse-stealing, the former one year, and the latter two years'; William O'Connor, breaking and entering a warehouse, nine months'; John M'Andrews, unlawfully using a horse, 12 months'; Robert Hill, burglary, two years'; John Flynn, assault (two charges), penal servitude for three years and to be twice whipped, each whipping to consist of 25 strokes; Alfred Brown, robbery in company, four years' imprisonment; George Cook, breaking and entering, 12 months'; Henry Carpenter, stealing (two charges) 12 months'; William White, breaking and entering, three years'; George Davey, horse-stealing (two charges), three months'.

Edward Coombes, who had been found guilty of receiving, was brought forward for sentence. Prisoner, who was 60 years of age, had spent 43 years in gaol. His Honor said prisoner was a notorious criminal, and it was a singular fact that for the crime for which he had been found guilty by the jury, that of receiving, he was liable to 10 years' imprisonment, whereas if he had been found guilty of stealing the prisoner would only have been liable to five years' imprisonment. Prisoner was sentenced to two years and six months' imprisonment.

William Johnston, who had been found guilty of stealing, made a statement in which he said that it was very hard to get work after getting out of gaol, and this had frustrated his endeavours to turn over a new leaf.

His Honor said he had a great deal of sympathy with men placed in the position of the prisoner, because he knew it was very difficult for an honest man to get work in these days, let alone a man who was known to be a criminal. There had been an organisation to find employment for persons coming out of gaol, but it now seemed to have become defunct. The Government through the Labour Bureau had lately attempted to provide work for men in the country. Many men complained that the work was hard and the wages insufficient, but nevertheless many of them could find sufficient money to go to hotels and create disturbances. Prisoner was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

CASES FOR TO-DAY.

Henry Johnson and Albert Gustav D'Alpuget, false pretences; George Williams, maliciously wounding; Charles Alfred Walker, false pretences; Charles Sayers, housebreaking, &c.; George Clarke, assault and robbery.

DISTRICT COURT.—WEDNESDAY.
(*Before his Honor Judge* FITZHARDINGE.)

HAGON V. THE RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS.

Mr. F. E. Wallace (Messrs. Wallace and Robson) appeared for the plaintiff, R. C. Hagon; Mr. Scholes instructed by Mr. J. C. Thom, appeared for the Railway Commissioners. The plaintiff sued to recover £7 3s, the value of a parcel of goods that had been lost while in transit by rail. It appeared that the goods had been sent by the plaintiff's traveller from Wollongong to Sydney, and the ordinary carriage rate was paid. When a claim for the value of the goods was sent in the plaintiff was informed that the liability of the Railway Commissioners in such cases did not extend beyond £1 unless a special insurance rate of 3d were paid, in which case they would be responsible up to the value of £10. Mr. Wallace argued that the Railway Commissioners were in the position of the common carriers, and that any insurance rate to be binding upon the sender of the goods must be a just and reasonable one. Mr. Scholes, for the Commissioners, argued that the Act constituting that body was subsequent in date to the Carriers Act, and that it empowered the Commissioners to pass bylaws of the kind referred to. He said the Commissioners did not wish to relieve themselves from responsibility in cases of negligence, but they had made provision that if the responsibility exceeded the sum of £10 an extra charge should be made, on the ground that it would be unreasonable to carry valuable goods under any other conditions. His Honor reserved his decision.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4.
Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Prothonotary: Prangley v. Evans, 10.30; Rush v. Snowden, 11. Before the Chief Clerk: Booker v. Smith, 10.30; Westbrook v. Westbrook, 2.30.
Master's Office.—Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: Ferguson v. Perpetual Trustee Company, Limited, to tax costs. At 12 noon: Patrick v. Lindsay, to tax costs; same v. same, to tax costs.
In Bankruptcy.—Before the Chief Clerk.—At 2.10: Re George E. H. Sanders, taxation.

DISTRICT COURT.—THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4.
(Before his Honor Judge Fitzhardinge.)
Eady v. Murray (part heard), Syme v. M'Innes, Lackerstein v. Rickard, Booker v. Marsh, same v. Phillips and another, Luker v. Laverty, Myer v. Webb, Booker v. Meade, Bead v. Bradley, Colney v. Abel, Field v. Edmondson, May v. Griffin, Borough of Mosman v. Halstead, Beetham v. James and another, Gregory v. Harrison, Emanuel v. Cormack, Butler v. M'Gregor, Union Importing Company v. Benson. List called at 10 a.m. punctually.

POLICE COURTS.

ATTEMPTING TO STEAL.

At the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Smithers, S.M., Charles Burke, 27, for attempting to steal about 15 bottles of gin of the value of about £1 10s, from M'Ilwraith's wharf, the property of John Richards, the master of the ship Lord Ripon, was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

SUPPOSED STOLEN GOODS.

Henry Price, 15, for having in his possession a galvanised iron boiler supposed to have been stolen, was at the Central Police Court yesterday ordered to be sent to the Carpenterian Reformatory for three years.

DAMAGING PROPERTY.

Peter Ryan, 33, at the Central Police Court yesterday for maliciously injuring a door to the extent of 15, the property of Hung Hon, was ordered to pay a fine of 10s, 15s the amount of the damage, and 10s 6d interpreter's fee, or 21 days' imprisonment.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

At the Central Police Court yesterday Edward Walsh, 23, Charles Smith, 24, and George Furlong, 18, were committed for trial on a charge of garrotting John Richardson and robbing him of 2s 1d on the 31st ultimo.

ASSAULT.

In the Charge Division of the Water Police Court yesterday Alfred Peterson and Patrick Mahony were convicted before Mr. C. Delohery, S.M., of assaulting John Joseph Power, and were each fined £1, with an alternative of 21 days.

ALLEGED FORGERY.

James Sims, 38, on remand, was charged at the Water Police Court yesterday before Mr. C. Delohery S.M., with forging a signature to an order for a suit of clothes with intent to defraud. The order, which was produced, was drawn on Lassetter and Co. and signed John Fairfax. James Bullen, accountant and cashier for the firm of Messrs. John Fairfax and Sons, stated that the signature was a forgery, and that at the present time there was no member of the firm named John Fairfax. The accused was committed for trial at the Darlinghurst Quarter Sessions commencing on the 1st March. Bail was not applied for.

ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN MONEY BY MISREPRESENTATION.

George S. Prentice, 50, on remand, was charged at the Water Police Court yesterday with endeavouring to obtain from James Ewan by means of a fraudulent representation the sum of £2 12s, with intent to defraud. The misrepresentation was contained in a letter in which accused stated that his wife was consumptive and in a destitute condition, and that their few possessions would be sold if £2 12s, due for rent, were not paid to the landlord. Detective Sawtell stated that inquiries made by him proved that accused had deserted his wife, and that she was not in the condition described. Prentice was sentenced to four months with hard labour.

CHARGE OF ILLEGALLY PAWNING.

Adolf Bumm (36), on remand, was charged at the Water Police Court yesterday with knowingly pawning two gold watches belonging to Augustus Beckemann without the latter's consent, and with intent to deprive him of the use thereof. Mr. C. Delohery, S.M., who occupied the bench, committed the accused for trial at the Quarter Sessions commencing on 1st March.

BREACHES OF THE BETTING-HOUSES SUPPRESSION ACT.

In the Summons Division of the Water Police Court yesterday Inspector Potter proceeded against Thomas M'Kay, James Hanson, Joseph Abrahams, and Harry Gouch for breaches of the Betting-houses Suppression Act by laying doubles. Each of the accused was fined £10, with costs 5s 6d.

ALLEGED USE OF OBSCENE LANGUAGE.

In the Summons Division of the Water Police Court yesterday Cecilia Godfrey was fined £3 on a charge of using obscene language in Margaret-street on 22nd January. Mr. James appeared for the defence. Notice of appeal was given.

STEALING LEAD.

At the North Sydney Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Whittingdale Johnson, S.M., two lads named Albert Ireland, 14, and Ernest Evans, 12, were charged with stealing at North Sydney, on the 29th January last, about 20lb. lead and some bags of the value of 7s 6d, the property of Arthur Winn Webber. The accused Evans said he was lead to the theft by the elder prisoner. Evans was ordered to be discharged on payment of the value of the stolen property, viz., 7s 6d; and Ireland was fined 20s, or in default 21 days' imprisonment.

A DISHONEST DOMESTIC.

At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Macfarlane, D.S.M., Hannah White, aged 41, was charged with having stolen a gold bracelet, two gold scarf-pins, two field-glasses, six plated forks, and the sum of 15s in money, the property of Dr. W. H. Jackson, at Petersham, on divers dates, the total value of the stolen articles being between £3 and £4. The accused pleaded guilty, and was ordered to be imprisoned for three months.

CHARGE OF STEALING.

At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Macfarlane, D.S.M., John Wilson, alias Canter, alias Thomson, alias Osborne, alias Osmond, aged 34, was charged at the instance of Constable Walker with having stolen a silver-mounted pipe, a Malacca cane, a coat and vest, and a silver pen and pencil-case, of the total value of £3 10s, the property of Alfred Ernest Studdy, at Petersham, on the 15th January. The accused, who was committed to take his trial at the next Court of Gaol Delivery at Darlinghurst on the 15th instant, said that, although his wife was in the employ of Mr. Studdy, she knew nothing about his having taken the articles.

WATER LICENSING COURT.

The weekly meeting of the Water Licensing Court was held at the Water Police Court yesterday. The Bench was occupied by Mr. W. Johnson, S.M., Mr. C. Delohery, S.M., and Mr. F. Penny, L.M. Transfers of publicans' licenses were granted from William Davis to Alfred Tyle Stephens, for the Crown Inn, Crown-street; from Edward M. Byrne to Georgina Hall, for the Glasgow Arms Hotel, George-street. The renewal of a publican's license was granted to John T. Griffin for the Grand National Hotel, Elizabeth and Underwood streets, Paddington. Several booth licenses, billiard and hawkers' licenses, and music permits were also granted.

CROWN LANDS.

Information regarding Crown lands for settlement, lease, or sale, compiled by the Information Bureau of the Lands Department.

The following areas will be set apart during the week ending the 6th instant:—

FOR HOMESTEAD SELECTION.

Urana Land District, on Goree Holding.—5105 acres, in 7 blocks, areas range from 512 to 903 acres, distant half mile to 3½ miles from Coonong Siding, capital value 34s to 40s per acre. Will be available 8th April, 1897.

Wagga Wagga Land District, on Cowabee Holding.—3526 acres, in 6 blocks, areas range from 490 to 640 acres, distant 16 to 20 miles from Coolamon, capital value 28s to 30s per acre. Will be available 1st April, 1897.

Young Land District, formerly within Murringo population area.—1081 acres, in 10 blocks, areas range from 82 to 126 acres, distant 15 to 17 miles from Young, capital value 17s 6d to 25s per acre. Will be available 8th April, 1897.

FOR SETTLEMENT LEASE.

Moree Land District, on Oreel Holding.—29,912 acres, in 10 farms, areas range from 2556 to 3160 acres, distant 70 miles from Moree and Narrabri, capital value 25s to 27s 6d per acre, rental 3¾d to 4½d per acre. Will be available 25th March, 1897.

Walgett Land District, on Oreel Holding.—21,322 acres in 8 farms, areas range from 2553 to 3014 acres, distant 20 miles from Collarendabri and 90 miles from Narrabri, capital value 25s and 26s 8d per acre, rental 3¾d and 4d per acre. Will be available 15th April, 1897.

Tamworth Land District, on Piallaway and Walhallow and Beebive Holdings.—9100 acres, in 2 farms of 3200 and 5900 acres, distant 6 to 8 miles from Currabubula, capital value 16s 8d per acre, rental 2½d per acre. Will be available 4th March, 1897.

And on North Cuerindi Holding.—1 farm, containing 4460 acres, distant 14 miles from Manilla, capital value 13s 4d per acre, rental 2d per acre. Will be available 4th March, 1897.

The undermentioned areas will become available on *Thursday* next, the 11th *instant*, for Settlement Lease:—

Land District of Armidale.—1 farm. 2050 acres.

Further information and full details of all the above may be obtained on application at the Lands Department Bureau, or to the Land Agents of the District.

Weekly Gazette.—A publication that is of great assistance to intending settlers and others interested in land matters generally is issued every week under the title of the "Lands Department Weekly Gazette." Full particulars are given of all lands that are being made available for settlement, and, in addition, all the notifications issued by the Department of Lands, and published in the ordinary "Gazette," appear in this issue. The terms of subscription are 5s per quarter, and application should be made to the Government Printer.

INVERELL RIFLE CLUB.

INVERELL, Wednesday.

At the annual meeting of the Civilian Rifle Club held last evening, Dr. Lane, the president, occupied the chair. The seventh annual report pointed out that through the attachment of several members to the reservist *system*, and the alteration made in the status of the club, many had left. Application had been made to fill the vacancies. The monthly competitions had not been attended with much success. The treasurer's statement showed that the receipts were £83 13s 4d and the expenditure £25 5s 8d, leaving a credit balance of £58 7s 8d. The report and the balance-sheet were adopted. Mr. W. Moore was appointed to the vacant vice-presidency, Mr. F. T. Hunt to the vacant seat on the committee, and Mr. K. Benton was elected auditor. All the other officers were re-elected until August, when the elections must be held under the new rules.

A Government test of Pittsburg steel, supplied for two new warships now being constructed at Newport, Virginia, proved the steel to be defective in the greater portion, and utterly unfit for defensive purposes. Nearly all will have to be condemned. One New York paper is quoted by the correspondent of the *Daily Mail* as saying that the English Government has full information concerning defective armour in American ships which would be extremely valuable in the event of war.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—February 3.

Cromarty (s.), 2881 tons, Captain Duncan, from Newcastle. Gibbs, Bright, and Company, Limited, agents.

Oonah (s.), 1757 tons, Captain W. J. Featherstone, from Newcastle. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Namoi (s.), 1414 tons, Captain Skinner, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, agents.

Warrnambool (s.), Lund's line, 3515 tons, Captain Elkins, from Adelaide 31st January. Gilchrist, Watt, and Co., agents.

DEPARTURES.—February 3.

Nora, barque, for London.
Fremmes (s.), for Western Australia, via ports.
Aramac (s.), for Melbourne.
Lufra, barque, for Friendly Islands.
Birksgate (s.), for Western Australia, via ports.
Anglian (s.), for Auckland.
Victoria (s.), for Noumea and Fiji.
Amur (s.), for New Hebrides.
Oonah (s.), for Hobart.
Olga, barque, for Honolulu, via Newcastle.
Burrumbeet (s.), for Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—February 4.

Murray (s.), for Moruya and Wagonga; Kooura (s.), for Moruya and Bermagui; Namoi (s.), for Newcastle; Wollumbin (s.), for Tweed River, via Coff's Harbour, and Woolgoolga.

CLEARANCES.—February 3.

Anglian (s.), 2159 tons, Captain C. E. Hood, for Auckland, via ports. Passengers—Mrs. E. F. Jones, Mrs. C. A. Horn, Mrs. Thompson and 2 children, Mrs. Arthur and Masters Arthur (2), Mrs. Nicholls, Mrs. Macpherson, Mrs. E. D. Ellis, Mrs. L. Partridge and child, Mrs. J. D. Craig, Mrs. C. Hiatt, Mrs. Howe, Mrs. Stafford, Misses Phillips, Woodgate, Huggins, Padbury, Phillips, Horn, Messrs. F. Curnow, T. Ahern, M. M. Thompson, Rev. J. Alwyn Ewen, Rev. M. Slattery, Messrs. E. F. Jones, C. A. Horn, A. H. M'Ardle, D. H. M'Donald, E. D. Ellis, Howe, J. Stafford, A. Ranger, J. Banker, E. Martin, G. A. Hills, D. M'Gachie, A. J. Poghan, H. B. Fokkle, M. M. Quinn, M. Padbury, E. N. Roberts, S. Thompson, J. Miller, F. Fitzpatrick, E. Stanley, J. W. Henderson, A. Bouit, J. B. M'Donald, St. Hill, W. Beckett, L. Partridge, J. D. Craig, D. Smith, F. C. Smith, C. Hiatt, Master Phillips, and 41 in the steerage.

Oonah (s.), 1757 tons, Captain W. J. Featherstone, for Hobart. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. Walters and infant, Mr. and Mrs. Muggridge, Captain and Mrs. A. Le Mesurier, Mr. and Mrs. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Watt and family and maid, Mr. and Mrs. George Short, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Arding-Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Greer, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Barton, Rev. and Mrs. J. Arthur Priestley, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Ford, Rev. and Mrs. F. H. D. Morgan, Mesdames J. Henderson, Filmingham, Henry Page, W. Cunningham, Allison, G. Rodgers, W. Smythe, George White, R. M. Mackenzie, Newnham, T. M. Alcock, Hagon, S. Collier and child, Dakin, Blakie, Wicks, Hagon, Misses Hagon, Roberts, F. B. Dobson, Le Mesurier, Ashe, Campbell, Campbell, Quinn, Conway, Graves, White, Young, Davin, Arnold, Griffith, Cooney, Rust, Messrs. William Brennan, Slater, P. O'Donnell, W. Scoles, Sharp, Penman, R. M'Lean, John Gray, A. H. Bunting, W. A. Nelson, J. B. Grant, W. Smythe, Neave (2), Quaife, J. W. Parkinson, P. Quinn, A. Walker, E. Richardson, W. P. Crick, H. E. Preston, W. J. Challand, J. Mather, O. Mather, F. Brandt, R. G. Gill, R. H. Ellis, Cameron, Messrs. Read, Greenhill, J. G. Asser, J. Brown, Clarke, R. E. Ford, R. Otter, J. Otter, D. M'Vicar, J. Byres, Babardt, Stokes, E. C. Orme, George Jackson, G. M'Mahon, Rev. J. Ferguson, Rev. J. J. Fogarty, Rev. Mr. Collins, Master Le Mesurier, and 12 in the steerage.

Birksgate (s.), 1458 tons, Captain C. E. Saunders, for West Australia, via Melbourne and Adelaide. Passengers—Mrs. Carle, Mrs. Hayward, Mrs. Barbatt 3 children and infant, Mrs. Cumming and 2 children, Mrs. Von Baur, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. J. Lee, Mrs. J. R. Peacce, Mrs. Spinks, Mrs. M'Gregor 3 children and infant, Mrs. Lockley and infant, Miss Barbatt, Miss Hayward, Miss Gunning, Miss Burt, Miss Cook, Miss Grove, Messrs. B. A. Booth, Howard, P. Burt, A. W. Lewis, G. Cusbert, George Porter, K. Greenacre, E. Sugert, W. H. Shipton, R. H. Blyth, E. M. Thornley, W. Stevenson, T. Bergan, P. Henderson, E. G. Fleming, J. H. Barnes, P. F. Goodin, Peters, Reeves, Griffiths, Odgers, Walker, Heath, Allen, Deuchar, A. Burgess, Master Von Baur, Master Barbatt, and 150 in the steerage.

Olga, four-masted schooner, 474 tons, Captain M. Ipsen, for Honolulu, via Newcastle, in ballast.

Burrumbeet (s.), 2420 tons, Captain W. Hipgrave, for Newcastle, with part of original cargo.

Aramac (s.), 2114 tons, Captain R. Armstrong, for Melbourne. Passengers—Mrs. M'Leod, Mrs. Sykes, Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Scott and child, Mrs. Franklin, Mrs. J. Munro, Mrs. Gedge and child, Mrs. Burns and child, Mrs. Pickering, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Sampson and child, Mrs. Leo Martin, Mrs. Morris and 2 children, Mrs. Kempster, Miss Clarke, Miss White, Miss White, Miss Franklin, Miss Gregory, Miss Hallan, Miss Charley, Miss Brady, Miss Morrison, Miss Barnes, Miss Williams, Miss Cariner, Miss Saunders, Miss E. Saunders, Messrs. Jones, Gedge, Fraser, Granville, G. George, Townsend, J. Fitzpatrick, P. Durrack, Beel, Thomas, Littlejohn, W. Wood, Kitching, G. H. Taylor, Wooldridge, Lampton, Leonard, J. Dawson, G. O. Chan, Swanson, Jack, Wilson, Sykes, D. Davis, Cuson, E. Wichalls, Simpson, Walsh, Partington, Alexander, Reeves, Rodgers, Halliday, Smith, Waterman, R. Croll, Morris, J. Drummond, Kempster, and 102 in the steerage.

Amur (s.), 1907 tons, Captain C. Mears, for New Hebrides via Noumea.

Victoria (s.), 1250 tons, Captain C. A. Thorpe, for Suva and Levuka, via Noumea. Passengers—18 in the steerage.

COASTERS OUTWARDS.—February 3.

Advance, schooner, Captain E. Carlberg, for Newcastle; Sir Henry, schooner, Captain T. Wikkelso, for Camden Haven.

EXPORTS.—February 3.

Oonah (s.), for Hobart: 800 tons coal, 1952 bags sugar, 20 cases beer, 60 casks ale, 60 cases stout, 12 packages wire, 367 cases kerosene, 212 empty casks, 122 cases fruit, 16 coils rope, 10 cases blue, 28 cases cornflour, 35 cases meats, 52 boxes grapes, 4 bags oysters, 40 boxes potash, 16 cases nails, 100 bags salt, 6 cases bottles, 200 boxes tinfoil, 14 bales paper, 9 packages stationery, and sundries.

Aramac (s.), for Melbourne: 3050 bunches of bananas, 487 cases pines, 24 cases meats, 235 bags oysters, 366 bags hides, 66 single tubes, 4 casks china oil, 11 cases clocks, 10 cases pickles, 20 cases whisky, 50 cases tobacco, 14 cases oil, 181 bales wool, 148 bones, 10 quarters rum, 29 cases sewing machinery, 719 hides, 113 packages tea, 4 horses, 800 bags potatoes, 90 boxes tinplates, 9 packages and 276 bars steel, 27 single boiler tubes, and sundries.

Anglian (s.), for Auckland: 48 grindstones, 7 cases opium, 200 bags kainit, 400 bags rice, 200 bundles hoop iron, 10 cases castor oil, 20 cases pines, 3 cases seed, 2 cases bicycles, 3 cases tongues, 5 cases dried apples, 2 bags tapioca, 2 hogsheads salt, 25 cases limejuice, 28 boxes horse nails, 5000 terra cotta tiles, 100 ridge tiles, 8 ventilators, 30 bundles steel, 91 ingots tin, 60 chests tea, 100 cases canned fruits, 46 pieces redwood, 29 bags manure, 30 boxes tea, 1745 bags bonedust, 40 boiler tubes, 30 cases ale, 10 cases stout, 10 cases schnapps, 235 bars lead, 20 drums arsenic, 5 octaves brandy, 34 hides, 400 fishplates, 6 kegs bolts, 10 cases milk, 2 cases lard, 4 cases thread, 2 cases glass, 12 boxes tinplates, 1 dog, 1 horse, 20 cases grease, 14 springs, 66 bags valonia, 25 bales kapok, 8 cases cigars, 18 cases boots, 20 cases m. tobacco, 5 slabs marble, 508 bags potatoes, 186 bags bottles, 818 bags bones, 321 cases fruit, 504 packages sundries.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

BRISBANE.—Arrival: February 3, Franklin (s.), from Cairns, via ports. Departures: February 3, Carlton, ship, for London; Peregrine (s.), for Sydney and Melbourne; Franklin (s.), for Sydney.

MARYBOROUGH.—Arrivals: February 3, Julia Percy (s.), Ranelagh (s.), from Brisbane; Burwah (s.), Surimbla (s.), from Rockhampton.

KEPPEL BAY.—Arrivals: February 3, Wodonga (s.), from Cooktown; Emu (s.), from Brisbane. Departure: February 3, Wodonga (s.), for Brisbane.

TOWNSVILLE.—Arrival: February 3, Menmuir (s.), from Sydney. Departures: February 2, Yamashiro Maru (s.), for Brisbane. February 3, Menmuir (s.), for Hongkong.

CAIRNS.—Arrival: February 2, Balmain (s.), from Brisbane, via ports.

MELBOURNE.—Arrivals: February 3, Armand Behic (s.), from Marseilles; Auriga, barque, from Mauritius; Prinz Regent Luitpold, German mail steamer, from Bremen; Valetta, R.M.S., from Sydney; Wollowra (s.), from Western Australia. Departures: February 3, Pateena (s.), for Launceston; Tyrian (s.), for Sydney and Queensland ports; Manapouri (s.), for New Zealand, via Hobart; Cloncurry (s.), for Newcastle.

YAMBA.—Departures: February 3, Kallatina (s.), for Sydney. Passed: February 3, Oakland (s.), south.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: February 3, Kurrara (s.), Lubra (s.), Sydney (s.), Time (s.), Jones Brothers, Vailele, schooners. Departures: February 3, Oonah (s.), for Hobart, via Sydney, with 700 tons coal; Cromarty (s.), for London, via Sydney, with 7038 bales wool, Lindus (s.), for Adelaide, with 48 bales hay, 2200 tons coal; William Manson, barque, for Nelson, with 470 tons coal; Kurrara (s.), for the Tweed River; Western (s.), Lubra (s.), Sydney (s.), Jones Brothers, Vailele, schooners, for Sydney; Guthrie (s.), for Hongkong, via Sydney, with 1000 tons coal.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: February 3, Norkoowa (s.) at 9 a.m., Tainan (s.) at 10.20 a.m., north; schooner Bruthen at 10.50 a.m., Gulf of Ancud (s.) at 1.30 p.m., ship Falls of Foyers at 1.30 p.m.

ADELAIDE.—Arrivals: February 2, Annie Brown, brigantine, from Bunbury; Orient, R.M.S., from Sydney; Oruba, R.M.S., from London; Hubbuck (s.), from London. Departures: February 2, Cintra (s.), for Fremantle; Karrawarra (s.), for Fremantle; Ouraka (s.), for Newcastle; Oruba, R.M.S., for Melbourne.

PORT PIRIE.—Departures: February 2, Earl of Dunmore, barque, for Antwerp; Doredale (s.), for Sydney.

(FROM THE BOARD AT THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE.)

TWEED HEADS.—Arrivals: February 3, Augusta (s.) at 8.45 a.m., a ketch cruising in bay.

RICHMOND HEADS.—Arrival: February 3, Electra (s.) at 6.30 p.m. 10ft. on bar and 10ft. inside channel at high water. Departures: February 2, Oakland (s.) at 9.45 a.m. and Tomki (s.) at 10.30 a.m., for Sydney. Passed: February 3, a three-masted schooner with her numbers flying at 7 a.m., south.

CLARENCE HEADS.—Departure: February 3, Kallatina (s.) at 3 p.m., for Sydney.

WOOLGOOLGA.—Passed: February 3, one of Adelaide Company's steamers at 11.30 a.m., Wollumbin (s.) at 11.45 a.m., Oakland (s.) and Tomki (s.) at 5.50 p.m., all south.

NAMBUCCA HEADS.—Departure: February 3, Bessie Maud, schooner, at 6.45 a.m., for Sydney.

MACLEAY HEADS.—Arrival: February 3, Burrawong (s.) at 9.25 a.m., from Sydney. Departure: February 3, Fernmount (s.) at 10.30 a.m.

COFF'S HARBOUR.—Departure: February 3, Wollumbin (s.) at 4.30 p.m., for Sydney.

SMOKY CAPE.—Passed: February 3, South Australian (s.) at 10.20 a.m., north; Fernmount (s.) at 11 a.m., south; Maranoa (s.) at 3.30 p.m., north.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Departure: February 3, Garfield, schooner, at 11 a.m., for Sydney.

TACKING POINT.—Passed: February 3, Barrabool (s.) at 2.50 p.m., north.

CAMDEN HAVEN.—Departures: February 3, Jane Morehead, ketch, and Coral, ketch, at 10.45 a.m., for Sydney.

CROWDY HEADS.—Passed: February 3, City of Grafton (s.) at 1.30 p.m., north.

CAPE HAWKE.—Arrival: February 3, Sarah Fenwick (s.) at 7.30 a.m.

SEAL ROCKS.—February 3, Trilby (s.) in the south bay.

BARRANJOEY.—Arrivals: February 3, Hawkesbury (s.) at 9.30 a.m., Alabama (s.) at 11.5 a.m., Laura, ketch, at 12.5 p.m., Fanny Fisher, barque, at 6.45 p.m., Hally Bayley, schooner, at 7.15 p.m. Departures: February 3, Mosman, cutter, at 10.15 a.m., Leveret (s.) at 11.15 a.m., Day Dawn, ketch, and Maggie Riley, ketch, at noon; Brothers, cutter, at noon.

BELLAMBI.—Arrival: February 3, Glaucus (s.) at 1 a.m., from Melbourne. Departure: February 2, Wendouree (s.) at 7 p.m., for Adelaide.

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CROOKHAVEN HEADS.—Departure: February 3, Illawarra (s.) at 12.45 p.m., for Sydney.

JERVIS BAY.—Passed: February 3, Warrnambool (s.) at 1 p.m. and Federal (s.) at 3.45 p.m., north; Bonnie Dundee, schooner, at 5.30 p.m., south.

BATEMAN'S BAY.—Arrival: February 3, Peterborough (s.) at 11 a.m., from Sydney.

EDEN.—Departure: February 3, Bega (s.) at 8 a.m., for Sydney.

GREEN CAPE.—Passed: February 3, Arkershaw, ship, at 11 a.m., north.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: February 3, Norkoowa (s.) at 9 a.m., and Tainan (s.) at 10.20 a.m., west; Bruthen, schooner, at 10.50 a.m., Gulf of Ancud (s.) at 1.30 p.m., and Falls of Foyers, ship, at 1.45 p.m., all north.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Passed inwards: February 3, Coramandel (s.) at 2.30 a.m., Despatch (s.) at 7.30 a.m., Bola, passed, put into Refuge Cove at 4 p.m. for the night. Passed outwards: February 3, Burrawong (s.) at 10.15 a.m., La Serena (s.) at 12.10 p.m., Cloncurry (s.) at 7.45 p.m.

LOW HEAD (TAS.).—Departure: February 3, Coogee (s.) at 5.10 p.m., for Melbourne.

STRAHAN (TAS.).—Departure: February 3, Bellinger (s.) at 6 p.m., for Melbourne.

SEMAPHORE (S.A.).—Departure: February 3, Orient, R.M.S., at 2 p.m., for London.

ALBANY (W.A.).—Departure: February 3, Nemesis (s.), for Adelaide.

FREMANTLE (W.A.).—Arrivals: February 3, Croydon (s.) at 3 a.m., from Geraldton; Adelaide (s.) at 8.40 a.m., from Albany. Departures: February 3, Bullarra (s.) at 5.50 a.m., for Eastern colonies; City of Athens, barque, at 7.46 a.m., for Newcastle.

AUCKLAND.—Arrival: February 3, Zealandia, R.M.S., at 9.15 a.m., from San Francisco.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

Arrivals: Yolande, three-masted schooner, from Clarence River; Catherina, barque, at Kaipara, from Capetown.

Departures: Norman M'Leod, barque, for London.

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Average annual rainfall for 38 years, 49·852.
Average for 39 years, 1st January to 31st January, 3·650.
Total rainfall from 1st January, 1897, to 3rd February, 2·146.
Sydney standard barometer at 9 a.m. to-day, 29·910.
Humidity, 9 a.m., 68°; 3 p.m., 70°.
Maximum temperature, 84°; minimum, 71°.

STATE OF BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 29·92; Gascoigne, 29·98; Perth, 30·10; Esperance Bay, 30·23; Eucla, 30·12; Streaky Bay, 30·02; Adelaide, 30·01; Robe, 29·98; Portland, 29·94; Melbourne, 29·95; Wilson's Promontory, 29·97; Gabo Island, 29·92; Cape St. George, 29·95; Sydney, 29·91; Newcastle, 29·95; Port Macquarie, 29·96; Clarence Heads, 30·04; Brisbane, 30·01; Rockhampton, 30·01; Mackay, 29·98; Cooktown, 29·91.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M., BY MR. H. C. RUSSELL, GOVERNMENT ASTRONOMER.

New South Wales.—Cloudy at a few scattered places, otherwise fine and warm throughout.

New Caledonia.—Fine but cloudy generally.

Western Australia.—Generally fine and warm, cloudy at a few places.

South Australia.—Generally more or less cloudy.

Victoria and Straits.—Cloudy on the coast, fine inland.

Tasmania.—Fine, but cloudy generally.

Queensland. Generally fine but cloudy.

Central and Northern Australia.—Hot and unsettled generally.

New Zealand.—Cloudy in central and southern districts, fine in the north.

RAIN HAS FALLEN IN PREVIOUS 24 HOURS.

New South Wales.—Light at a few stations in southern districts, with thunderstorms.

South Australia.—Light on Mount Lofty Ranges and on south-east coast.

RIVER REPORTS AT 9 A.M.

Albury, 1ft. 5in.; Balranald, 9ft.; Bingara, 1ft. 4in., stationary; Brewarrina, 2ft. 4in., rising; Euabalong, 1ft. 8in., stationary; Euston, 12ft.; Forbes, 2ft.; Goodooga, 11in., falling; Gundagai, 4ft. 6in., falling; Hay, 2ft. 10in.; Hillston, 4ft. 8in., falling; Louth, 5ft., stationary; Manilla, low; Menindie, 12ft. 4in.; Mogil Mogil, 6ft. 2in., falling; Mungundi, 7ft. 5in., falling; Pooncarrie, 10ft. 9in.; Tilpa, 6ft. 4in., stationary; Wagga Wagga, 2ft 6in.; Wentworth, 6ft. 8in.; Wilcannia, 8ft. 6in., falling; Yetman, low; Barwon River at Walgett, 12ft. 8in., stationary; Namoi River at Walgett, 6ft, falling; Goond windi, low.

COASTAL WEATHER REPORTS AT 9 P.M.

Tweed Heads, N., fresh, fine, sea moderate; Byron Bay, N.E., strong, fine, sea moderate; Ballina, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, N.N.E., strong, fine, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, N.E., strong fine, sea smooth; Macleay Heads, N.E., strong, fine, sea moderate; Port Macquarie, line interrupted; Manning Heads, N.E., strong, cloudy, sea moderate; Seal Rocks, N.E., strong, hazy, sea moderate; Port Stephens, N.E., fresh, fine, sea moderate; Newcastle, N.E., fresh hazy, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, N.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie, N.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Barranjoey, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; South Head, N.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Wollongong, N.E. light, hazy, sea smooth; Kiama, S.W., light, like storm, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, S., fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Jervis Bay S.E., light, like rain, sea smooth; Ulladulla, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, calm, like storm, sea smooth; Moruya, N.E., raining, sea moderate; Eden, calm, showery, sea smooth; Green Cape, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; Gabo Island, slight, cloudy, gloomy, sea slight.

3 P.M. OBSERVATIONS.

Deniliquin, N.W., cloudy, 95°; Wentworth, S., fine, 89°; Mudgee, calm, fine, 105°; Wilcannia, S.W., cloudy, 96°; Bourke, N., fine, 100°; Newcastle, N.E., fine, 79°; Forbes, N.W., hazy, 96°; Eden, S.E., showers, 70°; Sydney, N.E., fine, 79°.

FORECASTS ISSUED AT 4 P.M.

New South Wales.—N.E. winds on the coast, variable inland; weather generally unsettled, with some thunderstorms and light southerly winds.—H. C. Russell.

Victoria.—Still showery in eastern parts, elsewhere becoming finer; light S. and S.E. winds; smooth sea.—P. Baracchi.

South Australia.—Fine weather, scattered clouds, cool southerly (S.W. to S.E.) winds.—C. Todd.

SPECIAL FORECASTS FOR AUSTRALASIA AND OCEANA, BY MR. A. W. ANDERSON.

New South Wales.—Further high temperatures throughout; rain and strong winds developing over the interior, and travelling eastward in turn.

Western Australia.—Fine over the greater part of the colony, with scattered showers in the south and southeast.

Northern Territory.—Fine and warm over the greater part of the Territory; isolated thunderstorms likely.

South Australia.—More or less cloudy generally; rain at scattered stations, with thunderstorms in the far north.

Queensland.—Hot throughout the country; thunderstorms in various parts, with strong winds and capricious rain.

Victoria.—Cloudy to showery; strong winds at times, with fresh seas.

New Zealand.—Rain and strong winds.

New Caledonia.—Cloudy and showery.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR FEBRUARY 4.

Sun rises at 5.22, sets at 6.56; Moon, 7.36 a.m., 7.58 p.m.; Mercury, 3.47 a.m., 5.35 p.m.; Venus, 9.3 a.m., 9.3 p.m.; Mars, 2.55 p.m., 12.34 a.m.; Jupiter, 7.59 p.m., 7.14 a.m.; Saturn, 11.55 p.m., 1.42 p.m.

New Moon, 2nd; full moon, 17th.

High water at Fort Denison, 9.50 a.m., 10.9 p.m.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 4 and 7 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 4.15 and 7 p.m.
Queensland.—Overland, 4.45 p.m.
Noumea and New Hebrides, via Newcastle.—Amur, 8 a.m.
Noumea and Fiji, via Newcastle.—Victoria, 8 a.m.
Montague Island.—Murray, noon.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius, via Adelaide.—G.M.S. Friedrich der Grosse, 3 p.m.
Launceston and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Coogee, 4 p.m.
Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga.—Wollumbin, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Clyde River.—Allowrie, 9 a.m.
Manning River.—Coraki, 11 a.m.
Richmond River.—Tomki, 7 p.m.
Launceston and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Pateena, 7 p.m.
Macleay River.—Burrawong, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Melbourne, Adelaide, Hobart, and Launceston.—Peregrine, 11 a.m.
Wellington, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Hauroto, noon.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, via Wellington.—Kaikoura, noon.
Noumea.—Armand Behic, noon.
Thursday Island, Port Darwin, Hongkong, Manila, and Japan.—Guthrie, noon.
Brisbane.—Tyrian, 1 p.m.
Clarence and Richmond Rivers.—Kallatina, 8 p.m.
Bellinger River, Rosedale, 9 p.m.

MONDAY.

Eden.—Bega, 11 a.m.
India, Mauritius, and Continent of Europe, overland to Adelaide, and thence per Valetta.—2.30 p.m.
United Kingdom.—Overland to Adelaide, and thence per Valetta, 3 p.m.
R.M.S. Valetta (Letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 3 p.m.
Capetown and Natal, via Adelaide, Culgoa, 3.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Valetta, 4 p.m.
Richmond River.—Electra, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1897.

On the arrival of the Swanhilda at San Francisco she was at once boarded by the detectives. Butler was arrested and removed ashore.

When the tugboat signalled the arrival of the vessel six detectives and several reporters, in the revenue cutter, met the Swanhilda just inside the Golden Gate.

It transpired that when the pilot boat was sighted by the Swanhilda on the previous night Butler asked Captain Fraser that the vessel might be slowed down, as he expected letters from Australia by the pilot boat.

On the pilot boat coming alongside Butler asked the pilot "Is it Yes or No?"

The pilot, failing to understand the inquiry, informed the captain who Butler was, and then described to the captain the plans for Butler's arrest.

Captain Fraser indicated Butler by standing in front of him when the members of the crew were drawn up in line for medical inspection in accordance with the quarantine regulations.

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A sergeant of the San Francisco police then stepped forward and, presenting his revolver at Butler, called upon him to surrender.

Butler immediately threw up his hands.

The Australian police officers then identified Butler, who was immediately pinioned and handcuffed, and conveyed to the city prison in San Francisco.

Butler insisted that he was innocent, and declared that he was entirely ignorant of the murders laid to his charge.

Although he appeared to be taken by surprise when arrested, he preserved a remarkably cool demeanour throughout.

Whilst going ashore Butler smoked a cigarette, and appeared to be quite cool.

On being interviewed by the press representatives Captain Fraser stated that Butler was very quiet during the voyage, and assumed a pious air. The captain added that he was the best sailor aboard.

The necessary papers for the extradition of Butler to Sydney have been submitted to the authorities in San Francisco, and probably Butler will be conveyed to Sydney on the steamer Monowai, which is to sail on Saturday.

Butler's kit was found to contain Captain Lee Weller's jewellery and shipping discharge, a portrait of Mrs. Lee Weller, a chemistry diploma in the name of Frank Harwood, Mr. Preston's coat and vest, and a pocketbook bearing the initials "J. H. A." The kit also contained two sovereigns.

Butler states that he left San Francisco for Australia four years ago as seaman on the ship Star of Russia, and admits that he assumed Lee Weller's name, but declines to admit that he was acquainted with him.

Butler declared that his name was Elgan. He affected to be amused at his position, and remarked when arrested that he must be held innocent until he had been proved guilty.

He was wearing Captain Lee Weller's boots.

Mrs. Etta Butler, of Napa, south of San Francisco, claims Butler as her husband, and declares that he had deserted her.

A dreadful panic prevails at the capital of Crete, where Christians and Mahommedans are murdering each other. Ten persons have been killed.

The foreign consuls in the island are endeavouring to pacify the people.

Tewfik Pasha, who has been exiled from Constantinople, has arrived at Marseilles. He says that great terror prevails among the Sultan's entourage.

The Mansion House Indian Famine Fund now amounts to £191,000. Prince Nicholas of Montenegro has subscribed £80.

In Bombay, India, the bubonic plague has spread to the gaols of the city, and it is proposed to remove the prisoners to the country.

Mr. Sinclair, Unionist, has been elected to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons caused by the resignation of Mr. A. Money Wigram, member for the South, or Romford, Division of Essex.

Mr. J. C. Neild, M.L.A., will leave London for Sydney on the 19th instant by the R.M.S. Ophir. He has had an interview with Mr. Chamberlain, the subjects of old age pensions and a reciprocal tariff for the Empire being discussed.

Yesterday Mr. W. Crane, jun., playing at the Warrnambool Chess Congress, won the chess championship of Australia.

A man named Charles Freeman has perished from thirst on the journey from Lake Way to Cue, W.A. His mate, William T. Francis, was discovered by some prospectors. He had stabbed his wrist and sucked the blood to assuage his thirst. He was mad when found.

A rumour is current in New Zealand to the effect that the Earl of Hopetoun, late Governor of Victoria, has signified his willingness to accept the position of Governor of New Zealand, in succession to Lord Glasgow.

Yesterday morning the mail steamer Zealandia, from San Francisco, arrived at Auckland all well. Her late arrival was caused by delay in leaving San Francisco.

At the London wool sales on Tuesday American buyers secured the bulk of the wool offered. Prices were unchanged.

Yesterday at the Sydney wool sales 5162 bales were catalogued, and 6256 were sold. The demand proved extremely keen, and the best rates of the year were readily forthcoming.

In the Stock and Share market yesterday business in investments was without any prominent features. Government securities continued steady at late quotations.

The distribution of merchandise in the Import market yesterday was carried out on a large scale, but wholesale business was relatively scarcely so buoyant.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 589 bales of wool were manifested. Fifty-three bales arrived coastwise, and 55 were received by rail at Newcastle on Tuesday.

In the Mining market yesterday there was a good feeling for Broken Hill silver stocks, and several Tasmanian companies improved. Coal had more attention, but gold-mining shares were generally quiet.

The Customs revenue received yesterday amounted to £5882.

Whatever may be the outcome of the Butler case it is highly satisfactory that the arrangements made to secure the arrest of the accused man effected their purpose, and that he is in custody for the purpose of extradition and trial. The arrest of the man on board the Swanhilda under the name of Lee Weller, and his possession of articles belonging to two of the murdered men, serve to give circumstantial support to the theory upon which the police have acted throughout. This confirmation gives us the assurance that the action taken to secure the ends of justice has been based upon firm ground, and that it will justify itself by the developments yet to come. The case so far has represented a signal victory for the agencies of law in their contest against the forces which war against the security and life of society. It shows us once more the immense advantages which society derives from modern inventions, the resources of practical science, and the general growth of civilisation in its warfare with crime. The only hope of the criminal nowadays lies in the concealment of his crime. If it becomes discovered the chance of flight has been virtually destroyed. The telegraph has annihilated distance, and the reciprocal arrangements of all civilised countries have thrown down the international barriers to which the criminal used to look for shelter from justice. There is now no safe Alsatia for the fugitive's resort. All civilised nations sink their differences and become as one country with one world-wide police force when the question is that of securing society against serious crime. The strange point is that the criminal — according to Lombroso always one of Nature's degenerates — seems to be a generation behind his age in his recognition of the changed conditions by which he is affected. He still flees to an ocean-bound vessel as to a safe place of refuge. He remembers only that the vessel is bearing him from the scene of his crime. Of the other fact that every league of its course takes him so much nearer to the agents of the law who are awaiting him at the end of his voyage, armed with all the requisites for his arrest and return, his characteristic short-sightedness prevents him from taking account.

There is no evidence yielded by the experience of even the most advanced country to show that we are nearing a state of society in which crimes will be unknown. The heritage of crime in the life of society is as that of sin in the life of the individual, the dark pursuing shadow which is never wholly escaped. All that we can do is to employ as well as we can the agencies of civilisation and the forces of law to secure as far as is possible its repression, and failing that its punishment. It is in the highest degree satisfactory to this community to recall how swift and certain have been so far the operations of the police and other ministers of justice in regard to the terrible series of deliberate crimes known as the Mountain Murders. Had a succession of crimes of such a nature, which so deeply shocked the feelings of the public, become involved in impenetrable obscurity, so that the trace of the murderer was wholly lost, a blow would have been given to the public sense of security and to its confidence in the efficiency of its police force. Happily this was not the case. Clever and systematic as had been the efforts of the culprit to cover up the traces of his crime, the trail was picked up at an early stage of the inquiry, and in spite of the difficulties encountered was never lost. The whole local community was roused by the certainty of an awful crime and joined energetically in the search. Then came the successive discoveries in the silent mountain gullies which had witnessed those cowardly deeds of blood. The whole complex story of the life and crime of the murderer was gradually pieced together. The picture took shape as a mosaic, the component pieces of which were separate facts elicited by investigation, and all fitting together with convincing certitude to complete the proof. Only in one instance was there any trace of error or confusion in the results elicited. This was in regard to the Forbes murder. It at one time seemed that this was a double crime. A pardonably mistaken deduction from the information supplied appeared to point to two victims, Lesagh and Burgess. But even here the groundwork of fact was so strong and sure that almost every piece of evidence which was supposed to indicate the murder of Lesagh ultimately fitted into the demonstration of the murder of Burgess, which was so terribly confirmed by the discovery of his body and the proof that the manner of his death was similar to that of the other cases. At the point where their deductions were so far verified by these ghastly corroborations the police undertook the quest of the author of these atrocious crimes. The whole weight of evidence went to show that they were the acts of the man who it was known was the companion of the murdered men when they met their deaths. The rapidly accruing results of inquiry traced him along a trail which was never cold for a moment. The conclusions of the police, as supported by the results of three coronial inquiries, all converged upon a man known as Butler, who had shipped under the name of one of the murdered victims upon the ship Swanhilda. The whole character and reputation of our police force were pledged to prove that if Butler could be apprehended on board before leaving the ship the murderer of the three men would be in the hands of the law, and that clenching proof would at the same time be secured of his guilt. Seldom has a trail of guilt which such elaborate means were taken to efface been followed with such certainty and success up to the point of which the cable yesterday apprised us. What has yet to come may be left to the unfolding of the future. It is sufficient now to say that so far as this terrible matter has been pursued the results of the search and of the action of the police have been conducive to the furtherance of the ends of justice and to the assurance of society of the efficacy of its agencies for the tracing and punishment of crime.

The New Hebrides question is coming up again in a form that voices the expression of several different and in some respects conflicting interests. We have, for instance, the interest of the traders, who complain that they are practically shut out from the opportunities this fertile group has to offer, while their French rivals have a free fling. The natives have so far come under the influence of the advances of civilisation as to have developed a desire for rifles and rum. The English rule, of course, forbids trading in these things, and as the French are at liberty to bring anything they like in return for such material of trade as the natives of the New Hebrides are able to offer, naturally the bulk of the business to be done falls into French hands. Then the missionaries complain that, after having carried the torch of Christianity into these dark islands, their labours are being defeated and themselves replaced by French missionaries. Next comes what may be classified as the territorial statement of the case. A good many of us believe, and the feeling is particularly strong in Victoria, that Great Britain should possess herself of all the islands of the Pacific, at all events within a reasonable radius of the Australian coast. It is even held in some quarters that this is almost essential to the safety of Australia. It is only natural, therefore, that those who hold these views should have been galvanised into activity by the mere rumour that the French are thinking of annexing the New Hebrides and making them a French dependency in the same sense as New Caledonia.

There does not appear to be any urgency for this sudden seizure of interest in the New Hebrides. It would certainly be an ideal state of things if British rule could be made to comprise every eyot and atoll in the Pacific, for in the event of international complications our citizens and statesmen would then rest more securely than they might if they knew, as one of our correspondents puts it, that places like the New Hebrides offer harbours of refuge where an enemy's ship "might dodge about or lie securely at anchor almost *ad libitum*." But unfortunately for the argument, it is somewhat late in the day to consider that matter now, whether in connection with German New Guinea or New Ireland, French New Caledonia, or within the sphere of the dual control in the New Hebrides. Rightly or wrongly Australia parted with this elaborate dream of defence, and Great Britain with any scheme of further territorial expansion in these seas, when at different dates our French and German neighbours stepped in. The danger of the position with regard specially to the New Hebrides was fully if tardily recognised in January, 1888, by the signing of the Dual Agreement between France and England, by which the powers and functions of the Anglo-French Naval Commission were defined. The matter was thoroughly gone into prior to that date, and the Agreement was the result. Under the circumstances of the situation England could not have made much better terms, because the French were actually in possession, and it was not until the understanding was drawn up that their troops were removed. We sent the Calliope and Diamond down three months later to set matters on a working basis, and so far the terms then laid down have not been deviated from. To be sure, if there were any truth in the report that France was about to grasp the group, there would be new matter to discuss. But this point is effectually disposed of by Mr. Chamberlain's almost contemptuous reference, as cabled the other day, to the utter improbability of the French authorities meditating any such design.

There remains the position as regards the traders and the missionaries. The New Hebrides are a fertile group, and a considerable part of their 3000 square miles of surface can be made to produce, as a correspondent of practical experience in the group has just been reminding us, coffee, cotton, indigo, tobacco, and so on with the minimum amount of labour. "There is no end to the productive capacity of the islands," he says, "and already it is rich in cocoanut, sandalwood, and South Sea fruits. The temptation to trade and possess land there is consequently evident, but the trouble on the part of our own countrymen is that they are debarred from trading in the only articles the natives seem to want, and which the French are allowed to exchange without restriction. But the firearms are for use in tribal wars, and, as likely as not, in attacks on white traders; and the intoxicating liquors, for which the natives have acquired the inevitable taste, are not calculated to increase the happiness or further the civilisation of the group. The experiences of the South Seas tell their own tale of the miserable effects of this kind of island trade, and if British authority has forbidden it the prohibition was not laid without excellent reason. As for the missionaries, devoted Presbyterian clergymen carried their lives in their hands in old days to evangelise the New Hebrideans, and if they are to be extruded now by force of circumstances their case is a hard one. But it is against all the experience of British missionaries to expect that their Government will step in to befriend their interests, notwithstanding that whimsical terror so freely expressed by the French papers at the time the Madagascar expedition was in contemplation. The French themselves, on the other hand, in China, Tonquin, Syria, and the Pacific are by no means ungardful of the interests and protection of their missionaries; and if under these circumstances they are gaining ground in the New Hebrides we can hardly be surprised at the result. The facts stand that English traders are not permitted to sell firearms and alcohol to the natives, and that the French are. It is hardly to be expected that the missionaries could argue in favour of such a permission, in view of its well-known results. All that remains is to see that the terms of the Dual Agreement are faithfully observed on both sides, and when the French infringe their part of the compact let those interested make the fact the subject of a definite representation.

If it is the belief of Mr. L. F. Heydon that the cause—whatever that may be—which he has at heart in the matter of federation is likely to be advanced by such a piece of controversial literature as he contributed yesterday to our columns, he is likely to discover that he is mistaken. It is much to the interest of the upholding the tone and character of public discussion among us that it should be shown that he is mistaken. So far as we are able to remember, Mr. Heydon's letter represents the low-water mark of political discussion in New South Wales. He allowed himself to insinuate that the statesmen of Australia who took part in framing the Commonwealth Bill engaged in a conspiracy to "provide a powerful bribe for federation." The bribe in question is found in the salaries provided for under the bill, which Mr. Heydon regards merely as furnishing "fat billets" and agencies of corruption. They form an "astute device for forcing on wholesale federation," and are addressed to "the baseness of human nature," as this is known by Mr. Heydon. What motive of a sordid character such men as Sir Henry Parkes, Sir Samuel Griffith, Sir Joseph Abbott, Sir Henry Wrixon, Sir John Downer, and the other statesmen of ability and character engaged in the work, had in providing the means of wholesale bribery Mr. Heydon probably knows, though he did not think fit to specify it. He indeed singles out Sir Henry Parkes and Mr. Barton as being in some special way "parties to this astute device," and proceeds to employ the discreditable but senseless innuendo, "Marshal Bazaine and men who sell War Office plans to the enemy are not products of the soil of France alone." We do not desire to further notice this production save in expressing the hope that it is not to be taken as indicating the tone and spirit with which it is proposed to conduct what discussions we may have to face upon this subject.

According to the news which we publish this morning, the Germans are again making an effort to gain ground in South Africa. A company has obtained the right of making piers and docks in the neighbourhood of Delagoa Bay, and enthusiastic Germans are pressing towards the Transvaal. It is interesting to know that in all the leagues of country which Germany has seized during the last few years, the system of colonisation has been a perfect failure. Even in the West African colonies, which show the best results, the proportion of officials to settlers is absurd. In the other colonies the position is infinitely worse, and Parliament has to vote large sums in order that the German flag may fly over regions which the ordinary industrious and hard-working emigrant from Germany avoids. In these circumstances it seems to have become the policy of the German authorities to interfere with the affairs of their neighbours. They have tried to patch up a friendship with Russia at the cost of alienating their allies, and, indeed, behind the backs of those nations to whom they were solemnly bound by treaty. Failing to make any headway in Europe they appear to be engaged in trying to create trouble abroad. It is an old and a common policy. Every man who is dissatisfied with his conditions, or who shirks the hard work by which colonies are made, can interfere with the business of others. It is after all the policy that led to the building of castles on the Rhine, which are now dismantled, and which would long ago have been forgotten but for the curiosity of English tourists. At the same time we do not believe that the German people, who are lovers of peace and industry, and who send out excellent colonists, approve of a policy of provocation, or that a nation which now holds large territories abroad would lightly run the risk of a naval war with Great Britain. The feverish effort to interfere in the affairs of South Africa is probably due to a clique in Berlin, which has nothing better to do, and no real colonial policy to suggest.

INCOME TAX RETURNS.—Taxpayers will do well to remember that to-morrow (Friday) is the last day upon which they should render to the Commissioners their income tax returns and the returns of mortgages of taxable lands. Upon inquiry at the department we find that a very large number of returns are already to hand, and the officials are busily engaged in preparing for the investigation for the current year.

INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF FUND.—The Mayor (Alderman Ives) has sent a cable in reply to Sir Francis M'Lean (Chief Justice of Bengal and chairman of the Indian Famine Central Relief Committee), acknowledging the receipt of his message asking for assistance. The Mayor has promised to receive subscriptions on behalf of the Famine Relief Fund, and will forward the amount subscribed to the central committee. An advertisement regarding the matter appears in another column.

REVISED GOVERNMENT DOCK REGULATIONS.—The Government has issued a series of revised regulations in connection with the Government dry docks in Port Jackson. The changes consist chiefly of additions to the schedule of rates for the use of machinery.

NEWCASTLE JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.—Although the matter has been informally mentioned to Mr. Brunker, no official communication has been made to the Chief Secretary in regard to the refusal of several Newcastle justices of the peace to perform the duties of their office. Mr. Brunker says that as soon as official representations are made to him on the subject prompt steps will be taken to deal with any justice of the peace who refuses to discharge his duties. It should be explained that only three or four of the Newcastle justices have refused to perform the duties as honorary magistrates. These have taken offence at the appointment of stipendiary magistrates in the Newcastle district.

THE TAMWORTH WATERWORKS AND DAY LABOUR.—Mr. J. H. Young, Minister for Works, states that with reference to the proposed waterworks at the town of Tamworth it has been arranged, with the concurrence of the municipal council of that town, to carry out these somewhat extensive works directly by the Government by day labour. The estimated cost of the works, as provided in the Tamworth Water Supply Act, is £37,522.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.—Mr. T. T. Ewing, M.L.A., presided at a sitting of the Public Works Committee yesterday, when further consideration was given to the report to be submitted with regard to the construction of a deep-water harbour at Port Kembla. The sitting was held with closed doors.

DEPUTATION TO THE MINISTER FOR LANDS.—To-day at noon the Minister for Lands will receive a deputation, introduced by Mr. Alexander Campbell, M.L.A., with reference to the deviation of the Kiama to Robertson road.

PROJECTED PROTECTIONIST CONFERENCE.—The executive committee of the National Protectionist Union has decided to hold a conference in Easter week of delegates from the various protectionist leagues throughout the colony. This decision was arrived at by a meeting of the committee held on Tuesday evening, a motion to this effect having been proposed by Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan, M.L.A., and carried unanimously. It is intended to open the conference on the 21st April, and to extend it over the two following days. Mr. T. H. Barlow has been appointed chairman of the committee selected to carry out the arrangements for the conference, and Mr. Dorman has been appointed secretary. The chief object of the gathering will be to "educate" the public on various aspects of protection, and special papers will be read on such subjects as "Protection and Shipping," "The Industrial Problem in the East," "Protection and Labour," and "Protection as Affecting Ironworks, Agriculture, and Other Local Industries." There will also be numerous general addresses and papers on other aspects of the subject. Invitations will be at once sent out to all the protection leagues, asking them to send delegates.

MAILS AND MAIL STEAMERS.—The news of the safe arrival at Auckland yesterday of the mail steamer Zealandia, from San Francisco, was welcome intelligence. She is to be here on Monday morning next, and will berth at the Margaret-street wharf. Yesterday the mails by the Armand Behic, from Marseilles, and the Prinz Regent Luitpold, from Bremen, were delivered in the city. The English mails by the Oruba will be here to-day, London date New Year's Day. It is expected that to-day the Miowera will arrive with the Canadian and American mails via Vancouver. Upon arrival the steamer is to come up to the Grafton Wharf. Her passengers will probably include the Governor of Fiji and Lady Thurston. In connection with the new steamer China, whose decks have daily been crowded by visitors since she arrived, it is intended to close her to-day and to-morrow for cleaning, and again throw her open for inspection on Saturday and Sunday. She will leave here on Saturday week full of passengers. The berthing chart is perhaps one of the best ever seen in respect of a liner. Upper and lower berths, single, double, triple, and four berth cabins have filled up, many of them engaged six weeks ago. Lord Glasgow and party go to Colombo. Captain Saltern Willett, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Combe, Lieutenant Gunther, Mr. F. E. Winchcombe, Lady and the Misses Windeyer, Mrs. and Miss Macarthur Onslow, Miss Rolleston, and Colonel Wheatherly are a few of the names in the list of home-going passengers. The round trip—Sydney to Hobart, thence to Melbourne and back to Sydney—is popularly regarded judging from the large number who have booked. To-morrow the Armand Behic, from Marseilles, is due here on her way to New Caledonia. A wire from Townsville gives the departure of the Japan mail steamer Yamashiro Maru (Japan to Sydney) from the Queensland port, and the 11,000-ton steamer Barbarossa, another of the great German liners, is reported to have left Suez for Australia.

WOOL-SCOURING IN ARTESIAN WATERS.—Some doubts having been expressed about the suitability of artesian water for the purposes of wool-scouring, several reports have been forwarded to the Department of Mines and Agriculture which go to show that the water is admirably adapted for this purpose. Messrs. Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, reporting on a quantity of wool washed by Mr. R. Close at the Moongulla bore, state that the wool so washed "was a beautiful bright colour, soft to handle, carried plenty of weight, and was prepared in first-class style." Messrs. J. C. Young and Co., reporting on a similar sample prepared by Mr. Close at the Moongulla bore, say:—"This wool was excellently handled by the scourer, had a very attractive appearance, and was treated in a manner that enabled us to obtain most satisfactory prices." The superintendent of public watering places adds a minute in which he says the figures show that the prices realised by wool from the same station, part of which was washed in bore and part in creek water, were in favour of the bore water to the extent of ½d per lb., the price for the creek-scoured wool being 13½d and for the bore-scoured wool 14d. Thirty bales were washed at the bore.

QUARANTINE ON IMPORTED STOCK.—Some modifications have recently been made in connection with the quarantine imposed upon imported stock. According to the new arrangements sheep may now be shipped direct to Sydney from New York and Hamburg. No vessel calling at the Cape of Good Hope is permitted to land stock here except dogs, owing to the presence of rinderpest there. The term of quarantine has also been reduced in respect of cattle from Europe, from 60 to 40 days, and in respect of sheep from the United Kingdom from 60 days to 30 days. Sheep from America have to be quarantined for 60 days, as before, and the term of quarantine for dogs is six months, the same as previously.

POLLUTION OF THE HARBOUR.—Keeping the harbour free from pollution is a matter of concern to the public generally, and of special interest to those who reside on the shores. At the meeting of the Glebe Council on Monday, Alderman Hutchinson called attention to the fact that Rozelle Bay and Blackwattle Bay were being seriously polluted by offensive matter flowing into them. He said that a few mornings ago he observed what might be described as "a river of blood" making its way along the bays in question. This matter ultimately became deposited along the shores of the bays, and constituted a serious danger to the public health. The matter gave rise to some discussion, in which the remarks of Alderman Hutchinson were generally supported, and it was resolved to send a protest to the Colonial Treasurer against such pollution.

RETIREMENT OF ALDERMAN F. W. H. PEARCE.—At the conclusion of the meeting of the Randwick Council on Tuesday, the Mayor (Alderman J. A. I. Perry) moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Alderman F. W. H. Pearce for his services to the borough. Alderman Pearce, who is now voluntarily retiring, entered the council 12 years ago, and since his election then he has not even been opposed, and has been Mayor two years in succession. Alderman T. J. Lowe seconded the motion, which was supported by Alderman J. Robertson and carried by acclamation. Alderman Pearce feelingly responded, and said he was proud of the fact that for 12 years the ratepayers by not opposing him showed that they had every confidence in the way he looked after their interests.

BOROUGH COUNCILS AND THE FIRE BRIGADES BOARD.—The cost of maintaining fire stations, apparatus, and other matters in connection with the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board is partly defrayed by contributions from the municipalities in the metropolitan area. The amount of such contributions varies considerably each year. Notices for payment of the first quarter's instalment for the current year have just been issued to the suburban councils, and much objection has been raised to the amounts claimed. The matter was discussed at the Glebe Council on Monday, and at the Newtown Council on Tuesday some strong remarks were made about the action of the board. It appears that the amount of this year's contribution is greater than that of any preceding year, and the Mayor (Alderman J. F. Smith) said it was impossible to understand on what principle the rate was levied, the demand increasing each year whilst the council's revenue was decreasing. The Glebe Council has decided to invite the various councils to a conference to discuss the matter.

PRESENTATION TO MR. D. W. GREGORY.—This gentleman was the recipient on Tuesday afternoon of a testimonial from the staff of the Audit Department, with which office he has been continuously associated since his entry to the Public Service. Mr. Whittell, the senior examiner, and a colleague of Mr. Gregory of over 30 years, made the presentation, and expressed the general regret at the loss of such an old and valued friend and such a capable and esteemed chief. Mr. Gregory, who is now paymaster at the Treasury, feelingly returned thanks, and in turn expressed his regret at the severance of a connection that had extended over 36 years.

THE REDFERN RAILWAY ACCIDENT.—Mention was made in yesterday's paper that the board appointed by the Railway Commissioners to inquire into the Redfern collision had, after investigation, reported that the accident had been caused by the driver of the 8.35 a.m. outgoing train having started from the No. 3 platform with the signal against him. Yesterday Mr. Eddy stated that the Commissioners had considered the matter, and as the result the driver, having borne a good character, instead of being dismissed, had been reduced to the lowest grade of fireman, and his fireman, who was not so much to blame, had been disrated to the lowest position in the permanent second-class firemen.

SUICIDE AT ENFIELD.—The City Coroner (Mr. J. C. Woore, J.P.) yesterday held an inquest on the body of William Dunn, 60, widower, at the deceased's late residence, Punchbowl-road, Enfield. As reported in yesterday's Herald deceased was discovered in a bedroom at his residence with a gunshot wound in the right breast. Margaret Slater, housekeeper, stated that she saw Mr. Dunn alive in his room at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, and soon afterwards heard the report of a gunshot from the room. She ran in and saw deceased lying on the floor bleeding from a wound in the breast. Death was almost instantaneous. It was stated that deceased had been despondent over mining matters. A verdict of suicide was returned.

A meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society is announced to be held to-morrow.

At the conclusion of the business of the Marrickville Council on Monday some of the aldermen, with several ex-aldermen and a number of friends, were entertained by the Mayor at a banquet.

A meeting of the New South Wales Co-operative Alliance was held at the Temperance Hall last night. It was decided to take steps to form a society to be called the Sydney and Suburban Co-operative Society.

At the meeting of the St. John's Bishopthorpe Institute on Tuesday evening the following were elected as government and opposition respectively for the debates during the session:—Messrs. Sely (premier), A. Golding, and J. A. Wotton, and Messrs. H. Cox (leader of opposition), Hodges, and G. Wotton. Rev. S. S. Tovey is speaker, and M. W. Logan deputy speaker. The following were also elected as delegates to Young Men's Institute Federal Convention:—Messrs. Johnston, Cox, Hodges, Golding, and Logan.

The monthly meeting of the metropolitan branch of the Single Tax League was held last night at the league room, King-street. Mr. J. R. Cowling occupied the chair. Mr. Robertson was elected to fill the vacancy on the committee, and Messrs. C. B. Smith, Stevens, Cowling, Robertson, Fletcher, and Cottome were elected as members of the executive.

Mr. S. J. Law, M.L.A., who was chairman of the Charity Fete and Art Union committee, which raised £891 for distribution amongst the poor of Sydney and suburbs last year, £200 of which was donated to the Sydney Benevolent Society, has received a communication from the hon. secretary which intimates that at the annual meeting of the society held a few days ago he was unanimously elected a life governor to the institution.

Ernest Morley, 20, a labourer, residing at 10 Harris-street, was conveyed to the Sydney Hospital yesterday by the Civil Ambulance Corps. It was stated that he had been jambed between the back of a dray and a crane, and had sustained an injury to his back.

Walter Beirney (16), clicker, residing at 35 Marlborough-street, was yesterday thrown out of a cart and had his left thigh fractured. He was taken to the Sydney Hospital and admitted for treatment.

A cottage, the property of Mr. John Levy, of Holroyd, and nearly all the furniture have been destroyed by fire.

During January 24,123 visitors were recorded at the National Art Gallery, in the Domain, being the largest recorded for some years. On week days the average daily attendance was 641, and on Sundays 1488.

RETURN OF MR. WRAGGE.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

Mr. Clement Wragge, the Queensland Government Meteorologist, is a passenger by the Zealandia, from San Francisco. He is bringing out new instruments for the Queensland Observatory. He states that all the leading meteorologists are in favour a high-level station on Mount Wellington, on account of its scientific importance. The conference at Paris expressed approval of the proposal, and only declined to recommend any expenditure of money for the reason that such recommendation might be construed into an interference with the action of the Governments. Mr. Wragge considers that the proposed Antarctic expedition will be of the greatest value from a meteorological point of view.

COUNTRY HOSPITALS.

WEST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

The adjourned annual meeting of the subscribers of the Maitland Hospital was held this afternoon, when the following gentlemen were elected to act as the committee for the ensuing year:—Messrs. N. D. Cohen, J. Gorrick, W. Howell, Captain Holden, J. W. Birkenhead, Dr. R. G. Alcorn, Messrs. J. Whitgrave, E. W. Norman, A. Cobb, H. Crothers, E. Gillies, R. Ross, J. H. Brunker, and R. W. Thompson.

TO-DAY.

Federal Convention: Address by Mr. Edmund Barton, Q.C., New Masonic Hall, 8 p.m. Address by the Hon. J. H. Carruthers, School of Arts, Kogarah, 8 p.m.

Municipal Election, Chatswood Ward: Public Meeting, Sharland's Royal Hotel, 8 p.m.

New Guinea Mission: Lantern Lecture by Rev. Copland King, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 8 p.m.

Federation: Constitutional Republican League, Bathurst and Castlereagh streets, 8 p.m.

Belmore, Cook, Flinders, Phillip Labour League and School Hall, Devonshire and Riley streets, 8 p.m.

L.O.L. No. 15: Lantern Lecture, St. George's Hall, King-street, Newtown, 8 p.m.

Kensington Racing Club Pony and Galloway Races: First Race starts at 2.15 p.m.

Belmore Ward Election, North Sydney: Mr. Urquhart will address the ratepayers at tram terminus, Crows Nest, 8 p.m.

Pioneer L.O.L. No. 30: St. Matthias' Hall, Paddington. Official visit 8 p.m.

Criterion Theatre: "A Woman's Reason," 8 p.m.

Palace Theatre: Variety Entertainment, 8 p.m.

Theatre Royal: "Cheer Boys, Cheer," 8 p.m.

Lumiere Cinematographe: 428 George-street.

M'Mahon's Cinematographe at 227 Pitt-street, nearly opposite the Lyceum Theatre.

Tivoli Theatre: Variety Company, 7.55 p.m.

Cyclorama: "Jerusalem," opposite Redfern Railway Station. Open 10 a.m. till 5.30 p.m., and from 7 till 10 p.m.

Her Majesty's Theatre: "Silver King," 8 p.m.

Cinematographe, 620 George-street; Open all day.

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE *HERALD'S* LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

SITUATION IN TURKEY.

TERROR IN THE SULTAN'S HOUSEHOLD.

LONDON, Feb. 2.

Tewfik Pasha, late Turkish Minister for Foreign Affairs, who has been exiled from Constantinople, has arrived at Marseilles. He states that great terror exists among the Sultan's entourage.

THE QUEEN'S RECORD REIGN.

THE VISIT OF COLONIAL PREMIERS.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, has expressed surprise that no replies have been received from the Premiers of the Australian colonies, who have been invited to visit England for the purpose of taking part in the celebration of the Queen's record reign. Mr. Chamberlain expresses strong hopes that the Premiers will be able to attend the festivities.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION.

LONDON, Feb. 2.

An election took place to-day to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons caused by the resignation of Mr. A. Money Wigram, member for the South or Romford division of Essex.

Mr. Sinclair, the Unionist candidate, was returned by a majority of 125.

GERMANS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

A German company has obtained a concession to construct piers and docks at Catombie, opposite Lorenzo Marques, in Portuguese South-east Africa.

Trainloads of arms and material have been sent to the Transvaal, via Delagoa Bay.

Germans are arriving at Delagoa Bay by every steamer.

THE INDIAN FAMINE.

LONDON, Feb. 2.

The Mansion House Indian Famine Fund now amounts to £191,000. Prince Nicholas of Montenegro has subscribed £80 to the fund.

MR. J. C. NEILD.

AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

Mr. J. C. Neild, M.L.A., will leave on his return to Sydney by the R.M.S. Ophir, which sails on the 19th instant.

Mr. Neild has had an interview with Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, in the course of which old-age pensions and a reciprocal tariff for the Empire were discussed.

THE COWLEY SCANDAL.

LONDON, Feb. 2.

In the Divorce Court to-day the Countess Cowley was granted a decree nisi, with costs, on the ground of the adultery and desertion of her husband, Earl Cowley.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

LONDON, Feb. 2.

At the London wool sales this evening American buyers secured the bulk of the wool offered. Prices are unchanged.

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Best New Zealand crossbreds and superfine Geelong wools were offered.

The average prices of fleece of the undermentioned clips are as follow:—Nap Nap, 8¾d; Portland, 9d; Gingie, 9¼d; Frimey, 10d; Wootong Vale, 11¼d; Binnum, 11¼d.

The third series of wool sales will open on 4th May, the quantity to be offered being limited to 350,000 bales. The fourth series will commence on 6th July, and the quantity available will be limited to 300,000 bales. The fifth series will open on 28th September, the quantity to be offered being unlimited.

AUSTRALIAN HORSES IN ENGLAND.

WOLVERHAMPTON STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

LONDON, Feb. 2.

At the Wolverhampton Steeplechase Meeting to-day, the Tixhill Steeplechase, 3 miles, was won by Mr. S. H. Gollan's br g Norton, by Ascot from Romp.

Last year the prize for the Tixhill Steeplechase was £36, and was won by Mr. W. Pritchard's b g Van der Berg, by Dutch Skater from Yurata, 12st; Cunning Boy, 12st, second; and Woodrose, 11st 4lb, third. Only four started.

LIVERPOOL GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

In the betting on the Liverpool Grand National Steeplechase to-day, Messrs. Gibson's br g Daimio, by Swiveller from Butterfly II., hardened down to 20 to 1.

Despite his heavy impost of 12st 6lb, the Australian horse, Daimio, appears to be in some request in the betting market for the great cross-country event, inasmuch as the odds against the son of Swiveller have shortened since Saturday last from 25 to 1 to 20 to 1.

SILVER.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

To-day's quotation for bar silver is 2s 6¼d per ounce standard.

NEW ZEALAND.

THE GOVERNORSHIP.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

Respecting Lord Glasgow's probable successor, a rumour is current that Lord Hopetoun, late Governor of Victoria, has signified his willingness to accept the position.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

A jockey named Castleton was killed at the Takapuna races to-day. His horse fell, throwing him, and he was trampled to death by other horses.

Havana Tobacco: Summer Evenings.—The real aroma of Havana in Dixson's Bonanza Cigars, 4 Bonanza Cigars in packet, 6d.—[ADVT.]

PANIC IN CRETE.

LONDON, Feb. 2.

A dreadful panic prevails at Canea, the capital of Crete, where Christians and Mohammedans are murdering each other. Ten persons have been killed.

The foreign Consuls in the island are endeavouring to pacify the people.

THE RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

Count Muravieff, the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs, who recently visited Paris, has had interviews with Prince Hohenlohe, the German Chancellor, and with the Emperor William.

Count Muravieff left Berlin yesterday on his return to St. Petersburg.

THE PLAGUE IN BOMBAY.

LONDON, Feb. 2.

The bubonic plague in Bombay has spread to the gaols of the city. It is proposed to remove the prisoners into the country.

TALLOW SALES.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

At the tallow sales to-day 2200 casks were offered at auction, and 975 casks were sold. Prices of all kinds were unchanged.

VICTORIA.

BANQUET TO MR. REID.

THE VICTORIAN FREETRADERS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The wish has been expressed that at the approaching banquet to the Premier of New South Wales from the freetraders of Victoria an opportunity should be given to him to deal at length with the fiscal question.

RABBITS FOR ENGLAND.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Department of Agriculture expects this week to ship between 120,000 and 130,000 rabbits for London.

IMPORTANT GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Minister of Mines has decided to order a geological survey at as early a date as possible of the country between Walhalla and Wood's Point, the test extending over a distance of about 60 miles in length and 12 in breadth. This line of country is intersected by diorite dykes, and Mr. Foster is firmly of opinion that such a survey will result in some very valuable developments.

INTERCOLONIAL BASEBALL MATCH.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The second baseball match between teams representing South Australia and Victoria was played on the M.C.C. Ground this afternoon in the presence of a very small attendance. The Victorians won easily by 19 points against South Australia's 6.

THE MINIMUM WAGE.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Complaints have recently been made to the Minister of Railways that the minimum wage condition was not being observed by the contractors for railway supplies. The Minister intimates that it is his intention to see that it does not become a dead letter, and has asked Mr. Mathieson, the Chief Commissioner, to act accordingly.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

A decision of interest to railway employees has been given by the Attorney-General on the question raised in connection with the Public Service Retrenchment Limitation Act. By that Act salaries of £157 a year and under are exempted from a percentage reduction. In the railway service overtime is occasionally worked by some employees, and the point arose whether in case an employee who by overtime raised his salary from £157 to £158 a year the percentage reduction would be made. The Railway Commissioner referred the question to the Attorney-General, who decided it would be contrary to the intention of Parliament to apply a percentage reduction in such cases.

A board consisting of Major Carncross and Messrs. R. H. Dawson and Roche was recently appointed to inquire into the whole system of obtaining Government stores. These gentlemen recently paid a visit to Sydney to ascertain the details of the system in operation in New South Wales Government departments, and on Friday they proceeded on a similar mission to Adelaide.

The Tyrian sailed to-day for Sydney with 1380 bags chaff, 437 cases fruit, 26 bales hay, 20 sacks oatmeal, 80 bags rice, 180 chests tea, 175 cases hops, 50 bags malt, 15 boxes dates, 14 bags bacon, and 16 cases cheese.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE IN THE BUSH.

DYING OF THIRST.

PERTH, Tuesday.

William Ted Francis, a young man, returned to Geraldton and relates a recent terrible experience in the bush. He left Lake Way on the 11th of last month for Cue with a man named Charles Freeman. After going 16 miles he came to a well. He did not think that a dry stage of 40 miles followed, so he merely filled his waterbag and proceeded. The temperature was 120° in the shade, and his water was gone by noon, when he was 10 miles from the well. After going five miles further his mate gave up and lay down. He tried to coax him to continue, but the man would not rise. He asked Francis to go ahead for water. He started, thinking the water was only five miles off. When he got over four miles he also fell down, and remained on the ground till he was picked up the following Friday morning, having remained there 68 hours altogether. He suffered horrible agony on the second day. After he fell down he stabbed his wrist with a knife and drank the blood. He was discovered at daybreak by three prospectors. When found he was mad. He had all his clothing torn off him. The day after he was taken to the well, and he began to shout for "Charlie," and told his rescuers that his mate was four miles away from the spot where they found him. They went back and took Francis with them, and found the body where the man fell. Apparently Freeman had been dead three days.

PERTH, Tuesday.

A man named John Durant has been drowned at Geraldton under peculiar circumstances. He was engaged as a lumper on a vessel. He overslept himself on shore on Friday morning. He started for work; when next seen he was lying dead in the water. He appeared to have fallen in. There is no suspicion of foul play.

ARRIVAL OF THE ZEALANDIA AT AUCKLAND.

CAUSE OF THE DELAY.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

The mail steamer Zealandia arrived from San Francisco this morning, all well.

Later.

The steamer Waitangi, which left last night under instructions from the Government to search for the Zealandia, fell in with the mail steamer south of Little Barrier Island at daybreak. The vessel was hailed, but no notice was taken by those on board and she continued on her course, reaching port some hours later, when it was found that the Zealandia had had an uneventful voyage, the cause of her delay being lateness in leaving San Francisco. Although a heavy head swell was encountered on the way from Samoa, the Zealandia does not seem to have experienced the cyclone which raged here last Saturday.

Wicher and Co.'s Famous "Kola Nut Tonic."—The great "Pick-me-up." Makes you eat. All hotels, with soda-water, 6d glass.—[ADVT.]

MOUNTAIN MURDERS.

ARREST OF BUTLER.

THE SWANHILDA AT SAN FRANCISCO.

BOARDED BY DETECTIVES.

THE CREW DRAWN UP IN LINE.

BUTLER IDENTIFIED AND ORDERED TO SURRENDER.

A PISTOL POINTED AT HIM.

BUTLER THROWS UP HIS HANDS.

HE IS PINIONED AND HANDCUFFED.

LODGED IN THE CITY PRISON.

INCRIMINATING EVIDENCES.

BUTLER AFFECTS INDIFFERENCE.

HE PROTESTS HIS INNOCENCE.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS RETURN.

LONDON, Feb. 2.

On the arrival of the Swanhilda at San Francisco the vessel was at once boarded by the detectives. Butler was found, and he was removed ashore.

[The above appeared in our second edition of yesterday.]

LATER DETAILS.

HOW BUTLER WAS ARRESTED.

LONDON, Feb. 3, 6.20 a.m.

When the tugboat signalled the arrival of the Swanhilda with Butler on board six detectives and several reporters of the San Francisco newspapers went down the harbour in the revenue cutter and met the Swanhilda at Fort Point, just inside the Golden Gate.

It transpired that when the pilot boat was sighted by the Swanhilda the previous night Butler asked Captain Fraser that the ship might be slowed down, as he said he expected letters from Australia from the pilot boat.

On the pilot boat coming alongside the Swanhilda Butler asked the pilot, "Is it yes or no?" The pilot, failing to understand the nature of the inquiry, informed the captain, who was previously unaware who Butler was.

The pilot then described to the captain the plans which had been arranged for Butler's arrest. Captain Fraser indicated Butler by standing in front of him when the members of the crew were drawn up in line for medical inspection in accordance with the quarantine regulations. A sergeant of the San Francisco police then stepped forward and pointed his pistol at Butler, and called upon him to surrender. Butler immediately threw up his hands.

Detective Roche, Detective M'Hattie, and Constable Conroy, the Australian police officers, then identified Butler, who was instantly pinioned and handcuffed. He was taken ashore and conveyed to the City Prison in San Francisco.

Butler insisted that he was innocent, and that he was entirely ignorant of the murders laid to his charge.

Although he appeared to be taken by surprise when arrested, Butler preserved a remarkably cool demeanour throughout.

FURTHER PARTICULARS.

BUTLER'S DEMEANOUR DURING THE VOYAGE.

HE ASSUMES A PIOUS AIR.

LONDON, Feb 3, 6.25 a.m.

Butler smoked a cigarette while going ashore with the detectives, and appeared to be quite cool.

On being interviewed by the press representatives as to Butler's demeanour during the voyage, Captain Fraser, of the Swanhilda, stated that he was very quiet and assumed a pious air. The captain added that he was the best sailor on the ship.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUTLER'S EXTRADITION.

PROBABLY RETURNS IN THE MONOWAI.

The necessary papers for the extradition of Butler to Sydney have been submitted to the authorities in San Francisco. Butler will in all probability return in the Union Steamship Company's R.M.S. Monowai, which leaves San Francisco on Saturday next.

WHAT BUTLER'S KIT CONTAINED.

PROPERTY OF LEE WELLER AND PRESTON.

Butler's kit, on being searched, was found to contain Lee Weller's jewellery and shipping discharges, a portrait of Mrs. Lee Weller, a chemistry diploma in the name of Frank Harwood, Preston's coat and vest, and a pocketbook bearing the initials "J. H. A." There were also two sovereigns in the kit.

BUTLER DECLARES HIS INNOCENCE.

HE AFFECTS TO BE AMUSED.

Butler states that he left San Francisco for Australia four years ago as a seaman on board the ship Star of Russia. He admits that he assumed Lee Weller's name, but declines to admit that he was acquainted with him.

Butler declares that his name is Elgan.

He affects to be amused at his position, and remarked when arrested that he must be held innocent until he had been proved guilty. He wore Lee Weller's boots.

BUTLER'S DESERTED WIFE.

Mrs. Etta Butler, of Napa, situated on the coast of California, a few miles south of San Francisco, claims Butler as her husband, and declares that he deserted her.

LONDON, Feb. 3, 11 a.m.

Butler admitted that he was obliged to leave Australia. He inadvertently remarked that he knew Lee Weller very well.

Several strychnine powders have been found among Butler's effects.

HISTORY OF THE CRIMES.

The long-expected arrival of the four-masted barque Swanhilda at San Francisco, and the arrest of Butler by the United States authorities after identification by the New South Wales detectives in that city, has naturally re-awakened interest in the doings of this remarkable criminal. A history of his movements from the time that he came to the colony in August of 1896 to the time of his apprehension, and of the manner in which he committed the murders laid to his charge, will be naturally looked for. Butler came to Sydney from Western Australia in the Marloo, landing here on 2nd August. The first time that he was brought under the notice of the police was on the 21st November, 1896, when Mr. Luckham, of Manly, reported to the police that three weeks prior to that date a friend of his, Captain Lee Weller, had answered an advertisement inserted by Butler requiring a mate to go prospecting, that he had gone away with the man who had inserted the advertisement, and that, although he had promised to write, nothing had been heard of him. Inquiries at Glenbrook, where it had been ascertained it was the intention of the pseudo-prospectors to commence operations, showed that on the 29th October two men, one answering the description of Lee Weller and the other that of his mate, had arrived by the morning train from Sydney, and that they had proceeded as far as the lagoon, where they camped for a couple of days. During those days they were seen by several people, and on the 31st of the same month (a Saturday) the mate was seen on the Emu Plains station, and later on the same day he returned to Sydney by train. Search at the camp at the lagoon resulted in several articles of Lee Weller's being found, amongst others a pocketbook, the gift of Mr. Luckham, partly burned through. Near the camp there was also found a legging, made in Brisbane, and this ultimately led to the discovery, indirectly, of another disappearance, that of Preston. Meanwhile active search was made in all the gullies round Glenbrook, but without any result. Up to the 30th November the search was confined to Glenbrook, but on the 28th of that month news came from Brisbane that Mr. A. O. T. Preston, a young mining student, had gone away on a prospecting expedition with a man from Sydney, and had not since been heard of. The date of their departure from Sydney was given as the 19th October, 10 days before Lee Weller left. The legging found at Glenbrook by its description had evidently belonged to Preston, and the problem was how it had got to be mixed up with Lee Weller's effects. The only solution to the question was that the man who had gone away with Lee Weller was the man who had previously gone away with Preston, from whom he had by some means got the legging. Then the question arose, Where had Preston disappeared? They had only taken tickets for Emu Plains station. Just at this juncture came news from Linden, a small station situated on a ridge in one of the wildest parts of the mountains, about 15 miles from Glenbrook, from Mr. Pritchard, that two men answering the description of Butler and Preston had been seen there on 20th October. Further confirmation was given to this by the discovery on Sunday, 29th November, by Mr. Pritchard of a shirt, which bore the mark "A. T. O. P." at the foot of a ledge of rock in a gully behind his house, the top of the gully opening out on to Numantia platform, which is less than half a mile from Linden. Thinking that fresh ground would be broken there, Detective M'Lean took a party of police to Linden, formed a camp, and thoroughly searched the gully in which the shirt was found, and all the surrounding gullies, but without success for some days. On the night of Wednesday, 2nd December, Detective M'Lean was enabled to trace Butler and Preston from Emu Plains to a camp outside Springwood to a township, and thence on to Linden on 20th October. On the 21st October Butler was seen alone making towards his camp in Springwood. Later on the same day he was seen at Faulconbridge by a man who had earlier in the day seen him at Linden, and it is presumed that he reached Sydney the same day. It is noteworthy that when seen at Springwood on that day he volunteered the information that he had been out shooting wallabies, that he had had very bad luck, having had only one shot. Confident that Preston's body was between Springwood and Linden the police officers redoubled their efforts, and late on the afternoon of Thursday, 3rd December, the day following that on which the movements of the two men had been fully traced, Constables Delaney, Hardiman, and Shelley discovered in a branch of the gully in which Preston's shirt had been seen a short narrow grave under a ledge of rock, forming almost a cave, about two miles from the railway line. Next day the body was removed in the presence of Drs. Paton and Taylor. It had been buried in a grave not more than 3ft. 6in. long and 3ft. deep, with a proportionate width, and in order to get it into the space it had been doubled. The remains, having been fully identified as those of Preston, were removed to Penrith, where an inquest was initiated. In consequence of the inquest on Preston the search for Lee Weller at Glenbrook flagged somewhat on Friday, 4th December; but on Saturday the police were once more full of energy for their work. All day they were out searching in every conceivable spot, but without success. That night Detective M'Lean, with the assistance of Miss Wood, of Glenbrook, and her father, followed Butler's movements on the 31st October, on the morning of which day Lee Weller was last seen alive. It appeared that Lee Weller had been seen near his camp on that morning by a youth. Later on in the day Miss Wood saw Butler coming out of a gully at the back of her house, carrying a rifle, the gully being about two miles from the camp at the lagoon, and on the opposite side of the railway line. Then M'Lean also learned that on the same day Butler had been seen walking along the railway line towards Emu Plains, and that on the Emu Plains reserve he met a tramp to whom he offered some articles in his old camp near the lagoon, and so that the tramp would make no mistake about the matter he made a plan for him. This man went to the camp and got some goods which were left there; but as soon as he learned a month afterwards of the disappearance of Lee Weller he hastened to give information to the Detective Office in Sydney. By some strange oversight this information did not reach Glenbrook till some days after it was given. The object of Butler's generosity was plain. If Lee Weller should be missed, on whom would suspicion be so likely to fall as on the man in whose possession were found the missing man's property? The following day, 6th December, was Sunday. The police were reinforced by the whole of the residents of Glenbrook, by residents from Springwood, Penrith, and even at St. Marys. But the search of the great number of parties proved to be in a totally wrong direction. They all took the lagoon as their base, and worked back from it. Mr. Wood and Mr. Champion, who had on the Friday returned from a trip to Hilltop, determined to search the gully behind the latter's house, and in about half an hour they came upon the grave. Digging revealed the body of a man, and when in the afternoon the body was exhumed it was apparent that Lee Weller—as it was identified—had been buried in much the same manner as Preston, though, if possible, in a more cramped position, owing to his greater size. The body was also removed to Penrith. In each case the inquest resulted in a verdict of wilful murder against Butler being returned. In the meantime it had been ascertained that a week after Butler's first appearance in Sydney he had met a man named Burgess, with whom he had arranged to go prospecting, and the trip was commenced on 13th August in a covered cart drawn by two horses. They travelled by road via Orange to the Parkes district, arriving at Meranburn on the 21st August. Three days later they drove towards Parkes, and at Bunbury, 28 miles on the Orange side of Parkes, they were seen by a maintenance man named Woodford. Their camp was hard by. On 27th August they apparently travelled through Parkes together, heading for the Black Range. At M'Keown's tank on the Black Range they were seen together for the last time. Eight miles from M'Keown's tank, on the Yarrabundi Creek, Butler was seen camped alone on 29th August. He subsequently returned to Parkes, selling on the way the waggon to a selector. His return to Sydney was made on 2nd September, and he went away again on the 15th of the same month. Nothing more could be traced of Butler till 19th October, when he met Preston. The information of the disappearance of Burgess, received while the search for the bodies of the two other victims was proceeding, resulted in a search being made by the police in the Parkes district. Every part of the country where the two men had been was travelled over again and again by police and volunteers for eight weeks, but without any result. On the 20th January two rabbiters, James Mulholland and his son Lindsay, while walking at the foot of the Black Range, and making for Yarrabundi Creek, accidentally discovered a grave about two miles from the place where Butler had been seen camped alone. The grave was in the thick scrub, 20 yards off the track, and in an extremely wild part of the country. The police were informed, and the body was exhumed and conveyed to Parkes, where it was identified as that of Burgess. At the inquest held at Parkes the jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against Butler. To be tried on this charge, however, it would be necessary to send the man back to American soil, insert the charge in the extradition warrant, and have him re-arrested.

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL INTERVIEWED.

The Inspector-General of Police (Mr. Edmund Fosbery) was at his office yesterday afternoon and consented to give a *Herald* representative particulars concerning the extradition of Butler and the arrangements for his safe conveyance to Australia. Under the international treaty for the extradition of criminals, a requisition for Butler's extradition, accompanied by the properly authenticated documents, was forwarded by Mr. Fosbery to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and when signed by that official was also taken to the Government authorities at Washington who thereupon authorised the extradition. Detective Roche could have lost no time in attending to the formalities in connection with the papers, for we find that he was present in San Francisco before the arrival of the Swanhilda. Mr. Fosbery states that he had arranged with the American police to have the arrest made as quietly as possible, so that Butler might be taken unawares.

Asked why he wished these precautions taken, the Inspector-General said: "Well, I knew the man was armed, and feared that he might do harm to somebody, or perhaps take his own life."

"And you received news of the arrest as soon as it had taken place?" asked our representative.

"Yes," said Mr. Fosbery; "I had instructed Detective Roche to cable one word as soon as he arrest was made and the arrangements were completed. That word I received before half-past 5 this morning."

"Do you know when the return will be commenced?"

"That I could not say at present. I have made arrangements with the Union Steamship Company to have one of its boats fitted up with a special prison cabin in which Butler will be brought back. And accommodation will also be provided for three police officers, to whom I have sent the injunction that they are to keep guard day and night over the prisoner."

BUTLER'S RETURN TO SYDNEY.

The steamer Monowai by which Butler will probably travel to Australia belongs to the Union Steamship Company, and is employed in the San Francisco and Sydney mail service under the flag of the A. and A. Route. She is a very popular vessel, commanded by the commodore captain of the U.S.S., Captain M'Carey. In the ordinary course the Monowai would leave San Francisco to-day (her schedule date), but special provision will no doubt be made for the safe conveyance of this suspected criminal—a prison in the 'tween decks, well barred, and where he will be away from the gaze of the curious as well as being removed from all communication with passengers. The Monowai usually makes the passage across within the contract time, 26 days. As, however, she is leaving two days late her dates will run about as follows:—San Francisco, depart February 6, Honolulu February 13, Apia (Samoa) February 20, Auckland February 26, and Sydney the evening of March 2, or early on the Wednesday, the 3rd, four weeks from yesterday. At Honolulu she goes alongside the wharf to land passengers and cargo, at Samoa this is done by lighter, and at Auckland at the Queen-street wharf. The Hawaiians will swarm down to meet her on her arrival at Honolulu, for a good deal of the case is known there, and the Aucklanders are sure to make a rush for the Monowai to get a glimpse of the supposed man-killer. Only a few hours' stay are made at each of these ports of call, but at Sydney a stay of nearly a fortnight is made. Long ago the Government entered into negotiations with the Union Steamship Company for Butler's safe journey from the great American city within the Golden Gate. Full instructions were given by the Union Company as representing A. and A. Route for everything to be done which was thought necessary by Detective Roche. No expense was to be spared in fitting up a separate compartment on board whichever steamer happened to be leaving at the time of his extradition—in this instance the Monowai apparently. Failing her, that is assuming that some hitch, legal or otherwise, should happen which would necessitate a postponement of Butler's departure from San Francisco by this steamer, the instructions forwarded to Messrs. J. D. Spreckles, the owners of the Mariposa and Alameda, would equally apply to those vessels as to the safe-keeping of the prisoner during his transit across the Pacific. The steamer which would follow the Monowai would be the Mariposa, timed to sail on the 4th March, and reach here on the 30th proximo. But there seems no good reason to suppose otherwise than that Sydney will number amongst its citizens once more one of the most remarkable characters in sensational history of at least this part of the world within four weeks from to-day. There was some talk of bringing him across by way of Vancouver in the Warrimoo, which is timed to leave there on the 8th instant, or by the succeeding steamer Miowera, to sail on 8th March, but upon inquiry this is found to be incorrect. No arrangements have been made to that effect. Indeed, seeing that a long journey would have to be undertaken from San Francisco north by rail in order to reach the British Columbian port, that course would hardly be taken in view of the direct communication from San Francisco to Sydney.

THE NEWS IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES.

"Right" was the brief but expressive cablegram from San Francisco which came to the police authorities here at an early hour yesterday morning. It was at once sent on to the Chief Secretary, Mr. J. N. Brunker, who received it at 5 a.m. "Right" was the code word which it had been agreed should be interpreted:—"We have this day arrested Butler, and he is in safe custody." No more official information was received on the subject, but none more was necessary from an official point of view, though in their private capacity Ministers and other members of the public service were just as eager yesterday for information about the arrest as ordinary citizens. The Colonial Secretary at once took steps to send the news on to the Premier at Hobart, and the Attorney-General, Mr. J. H. Want, was also placed in possession of all the information available.

RECEIPT OF THE NEWS IN SYDNEY.

The news of the capture of Butler, published in the second edition of the *Herald* yesterday, was received with general satisfaction. Although the early hour at which the intelligence was published precluded anything like those public demonstrations of excitement which have sometimes accompanied the receipt of long-looked-for news, there were still many signs of the widespread interest that has been aroused by the publication of the ghastly happenings in the mountains. People collected outside the offices of the *Herald* in Hunter and King streets, and eagerly scanned the posters, which announced that Butler was in custody. From an early hour the ubiquitous newsboy was in the suburbs with the *Herald*, and his enterprise was handsomely rewarded, for there has never been a stronger desire to see a suppositive criminal under lock and key than in this instance. Moreover, during the last few days ridiculous but enticing reports had been circulated about the arrest of Butler. Therefore, the reliable word from the *Herald*, as it was vigorously proclaimed by the newsrunners, was eagerly welcomed and perused.

THE MERCANTILE COMMENT.

Inquiries for information among bankers, merchants, and commercial people generally were anticipated by the questions "What about the Swanhilda?" "Has any more news come through—that is, real news?" "Was Butler put in irons by Captain Fraser?" Such and many other questions were freely discussed, the interest in the subject being widespread. It was, in fact, the topic of conversation for the day, and there were general expressions of satisfaction at the news of Butler's arrest. The banking and commercial community, to judge by the desire that justice should be done, is undoubtedly sound in its views on the criminality of murder, and was as sweeping in its condemnation of this particular offence as the most virtuously inclined could wish.

ANOTHER MISSING MAN FOUND.

The man George Dunn, who was reported as missing from Gundagai in May last, has been found to be employed as a quarryman at Braidwood by Mr. J. M'Grath, road contractor. A report to this effect reached the office of the Inspector-General of Police yesterday. Dunn had been employed at the Prince of Wales mine at Gundagai, and when he went away from there left behind him a horse, saddle, and swag, which were taken possession of by the police.

A RACECOURSE COINCIDENCE.

At the pony and galloway races held yesterday at Moorefield a "small horse" named Butler was ridden by a jockey named Dean. The capture of Butler being the absorbing topic of the day a few people were so struck with the coincidence that a horse bearing the name should be ridden by a jockey with a name that is notorious, though in a somewhat different direction, that they backed the horse. It was soon apparent that the coincidence was not surrounded by any mystic shell, but was a very commonplace affair, for the galloway was not among the first three to pass the judge.

BLAYNEY, Wednesday.

General satisfaction is expressed at the Swanhilda's arrival and the arrest of Butler, the news of which was received this morning. Details are anxiously waited for.

COOLAH, Wednesday.

Much pleasure is expressed on all sides at Butler's arrest.

LAWSON, Wednesday.

Intense excitement was caused here when the news of the successful mission of Detective M'Hattie and Constable Conroy was made known. For the past week the papers have been greatly in demand, and this morning when the special edition of the *Herald* arrived here with the welcome news the agent was very busy disposing of copies. The news until the arrival of the papers was not credited by a good many, as opinions were divided as to whether Butler would be on the Swanhilda or not.

LISMORE, Wednesday.

The news of Butler's arrest was received here with great satisfaction, and relieved the anxiety which had been felt that he might by some means have escaped arrest.

MITTAGONG, Wednesday.

Great satisfaction was expressed here when a telegram was received this morning re Butler's arrest.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

Intense excitement prevailed here on the receipt of news of the capture of Butler. Special interest is taken in the case by the Newcastle residents, owing to the fact that Butler shipped at this port, and it is difficult to find a tradesman who does not claim to have served, spoken to, or seen the mountain murderer during his short residence here.

QUIRINDI, Wednesday.

Much satisfaction is expressed here at Butler's arrest.

SPRINGWOOD, Wednesday.

There was considerable excitement here this morning when the rumour of Butler's arrest on board the Swanhilda was bruited about, and a confirmation of it with particulars is eagerly awaited by people all over this part, many of whom were in the different search parties that sought for the remains of the ill-fated Lee Weller and Preston.

TOWN HALL ORGAN RECITAL.

The city organist divided his programme at the Town Hall yesterday between German and French composers. The favourite number in the first part was the duo, "I Waited for the Lord," from Mendelssohn's "Lobesang," after which Mr. Wiegand gave a masterly rendering of Bach's "Grand Fugue in G Minor"—probably the best known of the entire series. Beethoven was represented by the "Larghetto," from the "Second Symphonie," and Schubert by the "Impromptu in C Minor, No. 1." In the second part Mr. Wiegand introduced for the first time Camille Saint Saens' "Fantaisie" (op. 95), a singularly graceful composition, in which a variety of fine reed tones were employed. The "Andantino in F," by Ambroise Thomas, was marked by devotional feeling, and Couperin's "Soeur Monique" Rondeau, in which the carillons were freely used, charmed with its tuneful simplicity. A clever "Morceau de Concert," by Guilmant, was included in the programme. Mr. Wiegand will give another recital on Saturday.

The finest Oysters in town, choicest variety of (local and imported) Fish, tender country killed Beef. Adam's Cafe, op. New markets, George-st.—[ADVT.]

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

NAVAL APPOINTMENTS.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The R.M.S. Oroya brings news of the following naval appointments:—To H.M.S. Torch, Lieutenants J. R. Ward, H. R. Heathcote, and M. F. Stapylton; to H.M.S. Mildura, Mr. W. D. Sarratt, assistant paymaster.

AMONG ICEBERGS.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The steamer Hubbuck, which arrived yesterday, reports that during her course through the ice in the region of 45° to 47° S., 40° to 73° E. which was reached on 17th January, a great many bergs were seen, varying from half a mile long to five miles and from 80ft. to 600ft. high.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

During the passage of the Oroya from London one of the engineers named Robert Deans died from shock and burns caused by a small explosion of firedamp in one of the bunkers.

The Bootmakers' Board of Conciliation met to-day to consider the question of the number of weekly hands to be employed in connection with the machinery recently introduced. The masters proposed that the number be increased beyond 60 per cent. as at present; but after a long discussion the further consideration of the subject was adjourned till 16th February.

The Minister for Education has received many applications for the position of lady inspector of schools, including some from the other colonies. The appointment is to be conferred upon an officer in the department.

The total advances paid by the State Bank up to date amount to £193,415.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The municipal and other local government elections took place to-day. More than ordinary interest was manifested at the various polling booths. The following are the city results:—East Ward: E. Gallagher (retiring alderman), 650; R. Edwards, 520. Valley Ward: W. A. Seal, 639; Thomas Proe (retiring alderman), 549. North Ward: John A. Clark (retiring alderman), 557; J. Nicholls, 528. For Kangaroo Point Ward, William Thorn was returned unopposed.

The quantity of sugar exported from the various ports of Queensland during the last fortnight in January amounted to 2159 tons, making a total of 71,539 tons since the 1st June.

NEWCASTLE.

THE MARINE BOARD.

SUGGESTIONS BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

At the conclusion of the usual Marine Board meeting to-day a deputation from the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce waited upon that body with several requests in connection with additional lights and signalling both in the harbour and at its entrance. The board was represented by Captain H. Cross (chairman), Messrs. J. Reid, and H. W. Logan, F. Gardner, D. M'Lean, the latter gentlemen being the late three appointments. The deputation from the Chamber of Commerce comprised Messrs. G. Bowick (president), Captain Williams, and G. Birkett (secretary). There were two principal points included for the cause of the deputation. The first one appeared to be the necessity for double signalling, that is to say, that the present system was comparatively deficient as regards signalling to vessels entering the port, while others were equally desirous of getting out, and the chamber recommended an additional code. The second point was putting distinguishing lights on the dyke, indicating the position of vessels when taking up their position at the cranes at night time.

In support of the first the chairman stated for the information of new members that this matter of signalling has already been before the board and laid before the N.S.W. Board in Sydney. He believed the Chamber of Commerce had received the reply. The question was whether this board could re-open the question. Mr. G. Bowick (chairman of the Chamber of Commerce) said that the idea of the chamber was to put the above necessity before the chamber verbally.

Captain Williams (agent for the Union S.S. Company) at some length pointed out occasions in which accidents might possibly have been avoided if an additional system of signalling had been adopted. He produced a diagram to that effect, and showed that he had had experience of the port for 25 years.

Further discussion ensued, which resulted in a recommendation from the board to send in a written communication from the Chamber of Commerce upon these subjects to the board, which would be forwarded to the New South Wales Board, and which it was hoped would be successful.

The board then adjourned.

At the monthly meeting of the Newcastle Benevolent Society this evening Mrs. J. C. Ellis, president of the society, in the chair, it was stated that between 300 and 400 ladies were very busily engaged in making preparations for the garden fête at Waratah to commemorate the opening of the new benevolent asylum on Easter Monday next. The Hon. Colonial Secretary had kindly undertaken to interview his Excellency the Governor and ask him to officially open the new buildings on the above date, and a favourable reply was anticipated.

THE MINISTER FOR MINES ON TOUR.

INSPECTION OF THE COBAR MINES.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

COBAR, Wednesday.

In a burst of heat sufficient to make even a salamander uncomfortable the Minister of Mines, the Hon. Sydney Smith, accompanied by Messrs. Waddell, Hawthorne, Carroll, and Brown, Ms.L.A., and Mr. Slee, Chief Inspector of Mines, made an inspection to-day of the Cobar mines. The visitors were first driven out to the Peak, and inspected the mine of Messrs. Barrass and Conley, and subsequently visited the Occidental, Great Western, and Young Australian mines, all of which are in a developmental stage. At the Cobar gold mine the Minister was received by the manager (Mr. O'Gorman), who furnished Mr. Smith with the fullest details respecting the plans and specifications as well as the initial work done in the direction of erecting a 100-head stamp mill for treating the enormous body of low-grade ore exposed in the mine. The latter is being opened up in a workmanlike manner, and the visitors, on entering the two tunnels driven into the ore body, were able to note its immense dimensions. The preliminary work of preparing to lay down the hundred plant is progressing satisfactorily, and directly the first shipment of the machinery is received from San Francisco its erection will be proceeded with at once. The starting of this battery will be one of the most important events recorded in the history of Cobar, for upon it will depend the solution of the problem as to whether or not the low-grade ores of Cobar will pay to handle. Of that I have very little doubt, and it is equally certain that Mr. O'Gorman is proceeding on the right lines to command success. Had he started on the one-horse principle that appears to have animated the Melbourne shareholders in developing the Chesney-Cobar Company, he would fail ignominiously from the start. Mr. O'Gorman directed the attention of the Minister to the fact that his company was anxious to obtain five acres of land on the west side of the lease on which to deposit the tailings from the crushing battery, and pointed out that, although it was useless for any other purpose, the lode not being near the land, the Mining Department demanded that it should be taken up as a gold-mining lease, on which a heavy rental would have to be paid. Mr. O'Gorman pointed out the absurdity of such a demand, and the Minister promised to have the matter inquired into. The party was then driven to the magnificent dam that is being built by this company about a mile and three-quarters to the west for the purpose of supplying water to the large stamp mill. It is certainly a splendid piece of work, and its equal does not exist in any other colony in Australia. If it could be dropped down into the centre of Kalgoorlie full of water, it would be worth at least a million of money. A visit was also paid to the tank belonging to Messrs. Hunt and Gudgeon, of the Young Australia Company, from which a portion of the domestic water supply of Cobar is obtained. Some of the residents pointed out to the Minister that the water was becoming discoloured by the operations of the company, and urged that a new tank should be constructed for the exclusive use of the residents. As in the case of other requests, Mr. Smith promised to give the matter careful consideration. The last mine inspected was that of the Cobar Copper Company, which has proved, and is still proving, a veritable Golconda to a party of tributers. The mine has entered upon a new era of prosperity, owing to the adoption of water-jacket furnaces and a judicious blending of the varying ores in order to secure a good flux and a high-grade matte from a comparatively low-grade ore. The visitors were received by Messrs. William and Thomas Longworth (members of the tributing party), and were shown through the mine, and were struck with the splendid ore bodies disclosed in the different stopes, and the manifest evidence of many years of profitable work in sight. On returning to the township the Minister addressed an open air meeting of miners, when he dwelt upon the legislation passed during the last session for the purpose of assisting in developing the mining industry. Messrs. Waddell and Hawthorne, Ms.L.A., also addressed the gathering and received a welcome equalling in cordiality that accorded to the Minister. In the evening the latter, together with the other members of Parliament, were entertained at a banquet given by the Mayor and aldermen and residents of Cobar. The chair was taken by the Mayor, Alderman S. H. Wood.

FEDERATION.

THE CONFERENCE OF PREMIERS.

AN IMPERIAL ZOLLVEREIN.

UNIFORMITY OF LEGISLATION.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

HOBART, Wednesday.

The Premiers' Conference, which on assembling was confronted with a stupendous list of subjects embracing such important questions as the issue of free passes in relation to the Paris Exhibition and the erection of a lighthouse at the Snares, has already made considerable progress. This is due to the fact that the conference is regarded even by those taking part in it as a harmless kind of diversion. The decisions arrived thereat carry with them no serious responsibility, and it has been shown on previous occasions that, while Premiers may assent to propositions made in conference, they will not exert themselves in the slightest degree on returning to their respective colonies to give effect to the decisions of the conference, except in the case of any particular subject in which they take special interest. The principal characteristic of the conference has been "courtesy." Indeed, the conference might fairly be designated the "Courtesy Conference." It was courtesy, and courtesy alone, induced Mr. Reid to attend the conference, and evidently Sir Hugh Nelson was animated purely by the same consideration, because whilst he condescends to attend the meetings of the conference, and appears to listen attentively to much of what is said, he has never yet condescended to vote upon any single question. The most important subject dealt with by the conference to-day was Mr. Chamberlain's proposal for securing closer trade relations between the various parts of the Empire. An interesting debate ensued, the general tendency of the speeches being to show that the Premiers taking an active part in the conference were in agreement as to the desirability of stimulating trade between Great Britain and the colonies, and in doing everything possible that was reasonable that would ensure the growth and consolidation of the Empire; but while approving of the object Mr. Chamberlain had in view, the Premiers were careful not to commit themselves absolutely to his scheme. Some of them soon realised that it was not specific enough. Some portions of it, though not actually ambiguous, did not make sufficiently clear all that was involved in the adoption of it. The conference, therefore, while endorsing the object Mr. Chamberlain had in view, resolved to send to England for a more explicit and authoritative statement of what was contemplated, and at the same time affirmed the desirability of obtaining reports by experts from various parts of the Empire, showing the actual condition of affairs at the present time, the extent to which those parts suffered or were affected by foreign competition, and the precise effect Mr. Chamberlain's elaborated scheme would have on the various parts of the Empire. This decision was based upon the conclusion that, even supposing another Premiers' Conference was held, it would still be open to the Premiers attending thereat to deal with the whole of the subject in the freest way possible. The next subject in importance touched upon was the Japanese commercial treaty, but in view of the many dangerous surroundings of the ratification of the treaty, the Premiers speedily decided to leave it severely alone. The necessity of bringing the defences of the various colonies into harmony as far as possible being admitted on all hands, so that when the troops have been federated they would be able to work the fortifications effectively, the conference decided to adopt the recommendation of the Commandants of the several colonies in favour of the appointment of an officer of the Royal Engineers as consulting military engineer to the Australian colonies, a salary of £1000 a year being provided by the several colonies concerned.

The subject of the proposed visit of the Premiers to England to attend the celebrations in connection with the record reign was touched upon, and the possibility of some Premiers being able to go was discussed. Necessarily attention was bestowed upon the question by whom the expense attendant upon voyaging to England should be borne, and, as at present the information available on the subject is very meagre, it was resolved to await the receipt of the detailed scheme before coming to any decision. The diversity which prevails in some colonies regarding privileges which a member's railway pass carry was alluded to, and the opinion was generally expressed that the privileges of such passes should be restricted to members themselves alone, and that passes should have effect in all colonies.

The subject of the sale of spirits and firearms by British traders to the New Hebrides natives was touched upon, and it was virtually decided to endorse the decision arrived at in the Federal Council to the effect that the British Government should be requested to endeavour to induce France and Germany to discountenance the sale of drink and weapons to the New Hebrideans, and in the event of those nations declining, then that Great Britain should be asked to relax the provisions forbidding the sale of those things by British traders to the natives.

The question of the desirableness of uniformity in legislation on various matters was touched upon, and the Premiers expressed themselves favourable to uniform legislation regarding merchandise marks and the export of Australian produce. The necessity of having all butter, fruit, and perishable products exported from each colony, graded and inspected by a Government officer, was affirmed, such a course being essential to secure the maintenance of the Australian export trade. The refusal of South Australia to contribute toward the cost of the fort at Thursday Island, on the ground that such fort was of little value so long as the shore and the cable at Port Darwin were left unprotected, was referred to, and it was decided to communicate with the Imperial Colonial Defence committee as to the precise nature of the defence to be instituted in connection with the cable at Port Darwin. The necessity of adopting a uniform method of preparing statistics relating to imports and exports was pointed out, and it was decided to introduce an uniform method. The Premiers will endeavour to bring the conference to a close to-morrow. Mr. Reid leaves for Melbourne, via Launceston, on Friday. Sir George Turner, of Victoria, has urged Mr. Seddon, of New Zealand, to abolish the tax imposed upon the commercial travellers visiting New Zealand, but Mr. Seddon held out no hope that the impost would be removed.

MR. M'MILLAN AT THE PROTESTANT HALL.

A public meeting was held last night at the Protestant Hall for the purpose of hearing an address by Mr. W. M'Millan, M.L.A., on the subject of federation. Although the hall was not quite full there was a good attendance, and a number of ladies were present. The chair was occupied by Mr. I. E. Ives (Mayor of Sydney), and with him on the platform were the Hon. R. E. O'Connor, Q.C., M.L.C., Mr. E. Barton, Q.C., Sir G. R. Dibbs, Alderman Jessep, M.L.A., Hon. J. Toohey, M.L.C., J. W. Storey (president of the Chamber of Commerce), D. Storey, Alderman C. E. Jeannerett, Henry Gorman, Henry Clarke, A. De Lissa, G. F. Burns, H. Copeland, M.L.A., Alderman Lindley, T. M. Slattery, R. Jones, G. C. Waldron (city solicitor), J. Stinson, F. Phillips (Mayor of Dubbo), Dr. Munroe, C. Lovely, J. T. Tillock, P. C. Mitchell, J. T. Hennessy, and N. Melville.

The Chairman, in opening the meeting, said that the duty they were about to be called upon to perform was a very solemn and momentous one, and it required the exercise of a great deal of care by those who would be called upon to use the franchise to see that they voted for persons whom they really believed to be qualified to represent them. (Hear, hear.) This was one of the greatest, if not the greatest, question that had ever been before the people of New South Wales. It was not a party question in any sense of the word; but one in which the whole colony was concerned. Whether the time was ripe for federation it was not for him to say, but there was no question that the time had arrived for the election of representatives to the Convention.

Mr. M'Millan, who was received with applause, said that he had not come before them that night as a representative of the country or member for Burwood, but as a citizen. It was intended by a number of gentlemen to nominate him as a candidate for the Federal Convention. He asked no man for his vote; but if the people of this country, with their knowledge of him during the last 10 years, saw fit to send him to the Convention he would do everything a man could do, as far as his ability permitted him, to conserve the interests of New South Wales and of all Australia. (Applause.) This was, as the Mayor had told them, a very solemn occasion for the citizens of New South Wales, and they had to exercise the franchise as a whole on matters of greater import to the people of the colony in generations to come than anything that had arisen in the whole of their political career. The questions which it would be necessary to answer were, first, whether federation was good in itself; and, secondly, were we ripe for federation? (Hear, hear.) Twenty years ago the communities forming the various colonies, more especially those of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, were absolutely isolated from one another, and each knew little or nothing of the social and industrial life of the other, and probably cared very little. It was right enough as long as the colonies were isolated, and carried on their own individual career; but year by year the connection became closer and closer. Influences of all kinds began to work, and during the last few years the process had been continuously and solidly going on for a greater political union amongst the various peoples of the Australian colonies. Now they came to the existing phase of the federal question, and that was what was called the Federal Council. It was not his business to enter into a discussion as to the conduct of New South Wales in refusing to enter that body. That belonged to ancient history, but one thing was certain, namely, that the times had overgrown the usefulness of the Federal Council, and we were now ripe for a strong political union of some kind or other, which would bring together the various peoples of Australia and form them into one national life. (Hear, hear.) There was one difficulty connected with the Federal Council which made it impossible, as far as he could see, for it ever to be useful in the future, and which rendered it necessary that it should die a natural death. In the first place it had not within itself the elements of sovereign power, and, secondly, it had no means of raising revenue to carry out its political purposes. The root of the principles of federation, as we understood it in modern times, was as old as the Constitution of the United States. There had been a very loose mode of dealing with the question of federation by certain individuals, and there had also been displayed a great deal of systematical cunning. Some people asked what the necessity was for bothering so much about the machinery for the Federal Government, and why so much fuss should be made with regard to such details, and they suggested that the commonsense of the people should be depended upon, and then everything would come out all right. Such statements he regarded as the greatest of nonsense. (Hear, hear.) A free Constitution must in the first instance be deep down in the history of the people, and, secondly, it must be sufficiently flexible to meet all the demands of the progressive civilisation of the future. (Cheers.) There was no use of the colonies attempting to federate unless they did so upon certain principles that would ensure the continuity of their national life in such a way that they might be able to feel that in any contingency, in any emergency, or internal or external trouble, they could feel that under the principles of their Constitution they could save their national existence. (Applause.) He desired to point out that the features of their nationality were, to a certain extent, changing. One of the most wonderful facts of the last census was that out of the whole population of Australasia two-thirds of the people were native born. Year by year the British sentiment of nationality, which derived its strength from the men who were born in the old country, must in their children, born in this country, become changed, and it was not non-patriotic to say so. (Cheers.) During the whole period of Australia's peaceful life there had been nothing to stir up her people, but now they had to decide whether they should not now bring together all the elements of her national life and create a nation, of which they all hoped to be proud in the future. (Applause.) Hitherto the nationality of the colonies had not been to any extent brought out. But it was necessary to show the people that there were practical advantages to be derived from federation. (Hear, hear.) To him the desire to mould the people of the colonies into a nation was above all other considerations, but there might be people who wanted to know what was to be gained or lost by federation. He had been told that New South Wales would lose by it. (Applause, and a Voice: "So she will.") This colony was situated half-way between the tropical and southern colonies, and in the harbour of Port Jackson she had the key of the Pacific Ocean. She had a compact territory, with every possibility of soil and climate, with all kinds of mineral resources, and he hoped she had a people equal in industry and pluck to any people in the world. If under freetrade, with every door shut against her, New South Wales was making her way right and left, and steadily going ahead in the matters of population and wealth in every possible respect—if she could do this when she was confined within her own borders what would she do when she had the markets of Australia open? (Cheers.) At present she was gathering in trade, and he asked was she likely through federation to lose any trade that she had at present? (Applause and uproar.) The only thing that really could be said against federation was that the productions of certain parts of the colony would go to their natural outlet. Some of the greatest antagonism to federation came from people who called themselves democrats. (Hear, hear.) He had thought that democracy meant liberty, fraternity, and equality, but the kind of democrats who were opposed to federation were persons who desired to keep men isolated from each other. (Hear, hear.) Of late there had been developed a number of what might be called extreme federationists who wanted to bring into the federation a number of things which no one had ever dreamt of before and which might be fatal to its progress. There was also a danger through people not considering the climatic conditions of certain parts of the continent. (Applause, uproar, and a Voice: "That means black labour.") He was not speaking about black labour, but in Australia there was a variety of climates from the temperate to the tropical, and these varieties made themselves manifest in connection with human industries in a number of ways. No federation would be satisfactory to him unless it included the whole of Australia. And whether Queensland and Western Australia were in this federation or not at the outset, if elected he would try to frame the Constitution in such a way with regard to their peculiar conditions that they could come in at any time. (Applause; and a Voice: "Are you going to let black labour in too?") He had said nothing about black labour; but he said most distinctly that, keeping in mind the varied circumstances of the different colonies, if they wanted the federation of Australia within the time of people now living it would have to be on terms to meet the different conditions that existed. (Hear, hear.) He took it that they approved of some system of federation which would be a strong sovereign power acting upon every individual throughout Australia and welding together the different elements of the colonies and forming them into one commonwealth. (Hear, hear.) As to the position the central power would take up, it was very clear if it was to be a sovereign power at all it must have the essential elements of sovereignty, and they could not have sovereign power unless in the first place they had adequate revenue. Then it must have in its own hands the finances and Customs of the different colonies, and it must have in its own hands the regulation of postal and telegraphic communication, and furthermore it must collect all these things itself. It must not collect them through the different States, because it would not be a sovereign power if it had to go cap in hand to the States asking them to give back a portion of their revenue. As far as the essential duties necessary for this sovereign power, he agreed almost entirely with the powers conferred by section 52 of the draft bill. Speaking roughly, the taxation system and the services taken over by the Federal Government would amount to about £9,000,000 per year, and the expenditure necessary to carry out those services and the taxation system about £3,000,000 per annum. That gave rise to the question which had created considerable difficulty, and it was the rock upon which all their operations split in the Convention, and that was when the Federal Convention had collected the £9,000,000 out of the different States, how were they going to divide the surplus of £6,000,000? (A Voice: "Give it to the working man.") Before the new Government was able to carry on its machinery properly, that was to say before the Legislature got properly to work, there must be an interval during which some interim system must be devised. Well, it was very easy to create an interim system, and give back to the States this surplus revenue of £6,000,000 in proportion to the revenue raised from the various sources of taxation in the various States. It was simply an arithmetical question. One of the first necessaries of Federal Government was to create a uniform tariff. Well he would like to ask any man who had ever thought out this subject properly, how could you attempt to say what should be allotted to the different States? how could you adjudicate upon the question at all until you saw what that uniform tariff was? And then the question arose, could they by any means forecast that tariff? They must either fix the tariff before they went to federal union or trust to the judgment of the people who formed the Federal Parliament. No convention of men brought together as this Convention would be, not to carry out a policy, but to frame a constitution, could ever frame a tariff that would be suitable to all Australia; and if they attempted to do so, when it came into the control of the Federal power, in 12 months it would be smashed to atoms. If they could not trust the Federal Parliament, if they thought we were not sufficiently ripe for federation, if they thought that the elements of fair play and sound judgment would not influence the men they sent to this great national Parliament to deal with these questions of our national life, then he said for God's sake do not federate at all. (A Voice: "We are not going to.") There were certain people who proposed the consolidation of our public debts and the taking over of the railways by the Central Government, but he thought the proposal might create dangers which it would be difficult to overcome. It would be ridiculous in the present stage of our political life to hand over the railway system of Australia to the Federal Government. If the railways were taken over and controlled by the central power, the central power must take over the debt, and then came the difficulty as to the construction of new railways. But, supposing it were possible that one kind of constructing power could be created in order to decide upon new railways, did they think for one moment that the different States, carrying out their own life, would be satisfied with a power of that kind interfering with their local development? He said that it was entirely against the instincts of the federal spirit. If they gave the federal power the right to construct railways and practically to control the whole of the railway system of Australia, not merely as it now existed but in its future development, one of two things would occur. It would either introduce into the earlier years of federal life a principle of enormous friction, which would ruin federal peace, or introduce a system of enormous corruption. If the system was not rejected *in globo* the principle of "scratch me and I will scratch you" would take place in all the States in regard to the railways. His views on the question of State interference were well known. While not objecting to some kind of control of a reasonable character he doubted whether it would be right or judicious to place such an enormous machine entirely in the hands of a central Government. In his opinion they would have to trust to the development of their federal life and the light that would come with that development. (Applause.) The question of the consolidation of the national debts was so bound up with that of the railways that although he thought power should be taken under the Convention Bill to consolidate the debts if necessary under one guarantee, still he did not think this was one of the things that should be embodied in concrete form in the constitution. A considerable amount of our debt was now in the 4 per cents., and there could be no doubt that our debt was gradually coming down to a very low rate of interest. But this was one of those questions upon which there would be more light thrown in the Federal Parliament, and therefore he thought the matter of the consolidation of the debts of the colonies was one that could very well be left to the future federation to deal with. (Hear, hear.) Since he was a member of the Convention that sat in 1891 he had had it in his mind that the Parliamentary Houses of the colonies were not the best places for electing the senators. (Applause.) He would be quite willing to have the senators elected by the whole colony in exactly the same way as the representatives were now being elected to the Federal Convention. He would not cut the colony up in divisions for which a certain number of men could be returned, because he thought that system dwarfed the choice of the people, whereas the best men should be elected without regard to what part of the country they might come from. He looked upon the Senate, not merely as a State House, but also as a second Chamber, and he believed it was absolutely necessary in every Parliament to have a second House, although he was as true a democrat in the real sense of the word as any in this country. (Hear, hear.) There was no system of Government fitted for a free people that did not require to have some check upon it, and a constitution provided with sufficient checks should be supplied for this federation. Whatever might be the constitution of the Senate, whether it was a constitution of an equal number of representatives from each State, or whether it was some kind of proportional representation he did not care; but if he were elected he would not agree to any system of emasculation which would deprive the second Chamber of its potency in the government. (Hear, hear.) Otherwise, he would rather have no federation at all. He also believed in giving the second Chamber practically co-ordinate powers with the other House of Parliament. There would have to be some means provided by which the will of the people should prevail. A constitution was after all an artificial method adopted in order to get at the views of the majority of the people, but at the same time there was no doubt that once they had got that constitution, if it were a real one and based upon the necessities of the people, there should be strong reasons brought forward before any alteration was made in it. (Applause.) Therefore, instead of making a stringent law and framing a constitution which would be practically unalterable, he would apply certain tests to it, such as those that are included in the draft bill. In spite of the difficulties and dangers that were connected with the fact of some of the colonies standing out he believed there was more danger now in delay than in going on, for it seemed to him that the colony had reached a stage in its existence when its inhabitants could feel the impulses of the life of a new nation. (Cheers.) If they exercised their franchise aright, and sent to Parliament the best intellects in the country, and had a constitution that was flexible enough to be altered to suit such conditions as might arise, he believed they would build up a centre of national life that would irradiate the whole of Australia. (Loud applause.) All the difficulties that arose would be dealt with by a Government of which they would be proud, because it would be a strong one, and no nation could ever rise to greatness unless it had a strong Government. (Hear, hear.) It was, indeed, better for a Government to do wrong sometimes than to be weak and incapable, and he did not believe that any community of free British subjects such as this would care about being ruled by a Government consisting of weak men. (Hear, hear.) But in all the matters connected with constitution-building there should be no experimenting. That sort of thing could come afterwards. They should build on the safe lines of the old Constitution, which had been the political life of the people and the charter of their liberties. (Applause.) They would, no doubt, have to alter it as the years rolled by, for the world did not stand still, and it was not at all likely that Australia would, but they should see that they had no fiddling and no experimenting or leaps in the dark, but that the Constitution was based upon the natural conditions of the people with its foundations built deep down in their affections. (Loud and continued cheering.)

On Mr. M'Millan resuming his seat a lady in the gallery intimated that she desired to ask a question. It was as follows:—"Are you in favour of giving the unfortunate women who make moleskin trousers for the firm you represent more than 5d per pair?"

Mr. M'Millan said that though he thought the question to a man in his position as a candidate for the Convention was entirely out of place, he would say that he had absolutely nothing more to do with the matter than the working man who bought the trousers.

A number of other questions having been asked and answered Mr. M'Millan was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for his address on the motion of Mr. J. H. Storey, seconded by Mr. H. Clarke, M.L.A.

This brought the proceedings to a close.

ADDRESS BY MR. B. R. WISE.

WAGGA, Wednesday.

Mr. Wise, M.L.A., addressed a public meeting at the Oddfellows' Hall to-night. The Mayor presided over a large attendance, notwithstanding the oppressive weather. Mr. Wise said in his humble opinion those candidates were unfitted for the Convention who came forward with a set of high and dry opinions which they were prepared to push forward at all hazards, regardless of the opinions of the delegates representing the other colonies. They must agree to give and take, and the object of the Convention should be to do the best for their native land, which was not this or that colony, but Australia. They should choose as delegates men with some knowledge of constitutional history and acquaintance with the main principles of constitutional jurisprudence. He believed in cultivating a sentiment of nationality, and by giving free play to that sentiment here they could build up an Australian nation which would be the admiration of the world. He compared those who were lukewarm or covertly opposing federation here now to those who 50 years ago urged the advisability of the delay in abolishing convictism. At that time it was said that if they ceased the introduction of convicts the labour market would be dislocated and great loss inflicted on the colony. No one at the same time was bold enough to express himself favourable to convictism; but delay was pleaded for. Now, very few openly opposed federation, but they urged that, if established, a certain money loss might be entailed on Sydney. He believed in saying to those people what Sir Henry Parkes 50 years ago said to those who put forward similar views on the transportation question: "It may be that you will suffer in your pockets, although I do not believe that you will, but that you will prosper rather than suffer; but, for the sake of argument, admitting you are right, and that there will be a money loss by stopping the influx of prisoners from Great Britain to this country—gentlemen, I say to you even if that is so we who have made our homes in Australia, and who look to Australia as the country where our children will make their homes, mean this country to be free. In the same way they might say to the gentlemen now adverse to federation on the ground that there might be a loss to the trade of Sydney that even if that happens—and they did not believe it would happen—they nevertheless meant this country to be one. (Great applause.) In reference to some stricture upon him by Mr. Freeman Kitchen in that day's *Herald* on the railway question, he (Mr. Wise) said that when in the Parkes Ministry he prepared, at the request of Sir Henry Parkes, a return as to the effect of differential railway rates on the trade of Sydney, and although he could not disclose the particulars, he might say that the return proved conclusively that these rates did more harm than good to the trade of Sydney. Not being an expert he was disposed to withhold his own opinion on the subject, but he would challenge Mr. Freeman Kitchen to have the whole question submitted for the judgment of Mr. Eddy, by whom not only he but the whole of Australia would be content to be guided. The question for decision was whether better results would not be produced for the trade of New South Wales by having the whole Australian railways under one system of management, with uniform gauge and one dominant head. He pointed out also that under such system it would be possible to take steps to manufacture in the colonies the locomotives required for the whole Australian railways, because there would be a justification for the expenditure of capital in providing the plant necessary for that purpose. In the same way federation, by giving a larger market, would lead to expansion of manufactures of other kinds. It was a noticeable fact that what tended to improve public credit had a like effect on private credit, and the consequence of this would be an increased inflow of cheaper capital for investment in developing the natural resources of the colonies. There was great need of speedy union amongst the Australian States for the purpose of repressing jealousies, distrust, and bickerings, which, if allowed to continue, might yet be fanned into a flame that would inevitably result in a civil war. It was the lesson taught by history that when second-rate independent States existed side by side they must unite or they would ultimately fight. This was the experience of the German States, of the free Italian cities, and of the South American republics. As to those who argued that federation should not be carried out now because it would divert trade from Sydney, or from Melbourne, and so on, he would reply that they must accept such risks now, because they would be only augmented by waiting. He was, moreover, sufficient of a freetrader to believe that the fullest facilities should be allowed for trade to flow into its natural channels. In concluding, he said it was not his intention to enter into details of the Federal Constitution. He would allow the candidates who followed him to deal with these matters. Neither did he intend to ask for a vote of confidence, for before leaving Sydney Messrs. Barton and R. E. O'Connor had agreed that it was better to refrain from such a course, believing that these meetings should be considered simply as arenas for the expression of views, without seeking to pledge the electors to any candidate. A vote of thanks to Mr. Wise for his able and interesting address was moved by Alderman Hayes and seconded by Mr. G. T. Halloran, and carried unanimously.

THE AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION LEAGUE.

The monthly meeting of the executive committee of the Central League was held at its offices, No. 4 Young's-chambers, Pitt and Park streets, on Tuesday afternoon. In the absence of the Mayor of Sydney (president ex officio of the league), Alderman John Young, J.P. (vice-president), took the chair, and there were also present Dr. W. P. Cullen, M.L.C. (vice-president), Messrs. Edward Dowling, J.P., and A. P. Canaway (hon. secretaries), T. Rolin, M.A., Edward Scholes, William Stephen, J.P., J. T. Walker, J.P., and J. E. West. A large quantity of correspondence was dealt with. The secretary of the Victorian Central Federation League wrote informing the league of steps taken by it to arouse electors in connection with the forthcoming statutory Convention, and in view of the critical position in which the question of federation at present stands. The secretary of the South Australian Federation League stated that his executive were following the example of Sydney in sending out circulars to various organisations asking co-operation in the federation movement. The secretary of the Central Queensland Territorial Separation League wrote respecting the proposed sending of non-official delegates from Rockhampton to be present at the statutory Federal Convention, and it was resolved, "That the Sydney Federation League urge that the necessary steps should be taken for properly accredited representatives being sent from Queensland to attend the Convention on its re-assembling after adjournment." Mr. Richard Croft wrote stating that a branch federation league had been formed at Tumut. In compliance with request of Campbelltown Branch League, it was resolved that names of local representatives could be submitted to executive for election as members of general council of central league. Mr. Dowling reported visiting Newcastle with regard to federation league formed there. Reports were received of the delivery of lectures and the holding of meetings to afford information to electors regarding federal systems. In response to the circular letter sent from central league to mayors and editors throughout New South Wales, a large number of replies were received, promising that requests made regarding the convening of public meetings and the insertion of articles on Australian federation would be complied with. Applications for the services of speakers to address public meetings were received from Granville, Corowa, Gosford, and Armidale. It was resolved that support be given to the Young Men's Federal Convention, and that three representatives be appointed from the Central Federation League. A number of applications for a supply of federal literature for distribution in many parts of the colony were complied with.

YOUNG MEN'S FEDERAL CONVENTION.

On Tuesday evening the Bathurst Federation League decided to take part in the Young Men's Convention, to open in Sydney on the 16th instant, and elected as representatives Messrs. George Wright, M. Meagher, and E. J. Curran.

CANDIDATURE OF MR. J. L. PURVES, Q.C.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Mr. J. L. Purves, Q.C., to-day lodged his nomination paper as a candidate for election as a member of the Federal Convention. Steps will be at once taken by his friends and supporters to secure his return. It is the intention of Mr. Purves to address meetings in the various large centres, at which he will explain his views on the federation question.

MESSRS. MILLEN AND ASHTON AT DUBBO.

DUBBO, Wednesday.

Messrs. Ashton and Millen, candidates for the Federal Convention, addressed a meeting to-night. There was a good attendance, and the Mayor (Mr. R. J. J. Ryan) presided. Mr. Millen spoke of the apathy of the people and opposition which was indirectly shown in Sydney just now by the merchants, who thought that New South Wales would lose a great deal of trade by entering into a union with the other colonies. But it was a curious fact that the merchants of the other colonies were also opposing federation on the same grounds. The majority of people were in favour of federation while no party had been formed distinctly against it; the merchants of Sydney who were now showing opposition to federation on the grounds stated, still spoke in favour of some scheme of federation. He believed that the railways should be taken over by the Federal Government, but the idea of the national debt to the value of the railways of the various colonies being taken by the Federal Government was opposed to the principle of equal representation of the colonies in the Senate, as three small states could out-vote two larger ones. New South Wales was bound to gain by federation, as it would be found when the Customs barriers ceased to exist that manufactories would be established in New South Wales. There would be no additional cost to the people than at present. He would give to the Federal Parliament power to fix the franchise.

Mr. Ashton advanced arguments in favour of federation. He disagreed with the proposal that the Federal Parliament should appoint its own senators. They should hold a warrant direct from the hands of the people they represented, and the selection of a site for the federal capital should be left to the Federal Parliament.

A requisition is being signed in this district in favour of Mr. Barton.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The Federal Convention election campaign was opened in the city last night, when Mr. E. A. L. Solomon, M.P., addressed the electors in the Town Hall. There was a moderate attendance. The Treasurer, Mr. Holder, another candidate, spoke at the Burra Institute on federation.

GRAFTON, Wednesday.

Nomination papers are being signed here to support the candidatures of the following for the Federal Convention election:—Messrs. E. Barton, R. E. O'Connor, B. R. Wise, John See, T. Bawden. The last is a local candidate, and at one time represented the Clarence electorate in Parliament.

GUNNEDAH, Wednesday.

A requisition to the Hon. J. N. Brunker to become a candidate for the Federal Convention is being signed here. Much disappointment is felt here that Mr. R. E. O'Connor did not come here while in the district.

MACLEAN, Wednesday.

The nomination paper in connection with the Federal Convention is being largely signed in the Clarence electorate for Mr. John See, M.L.A.

MOLONG, Wednesday.

An official nomination paper for the nomination of Mr. Edmund Barton, Q.C., as a candidate at the forthcoming Federal Convention election is in course of signature here, and is being largely signed by the electors. The candidature of Mr. Barton is the most popular here of the names so far announced.

NARRABRI, Wednesday.

A petition is being numerously signed here asking Mr. J. N. Brunker to allow himself to be nominated for the Federal Convention. A large number of signatures have been obtained for Mr. W. J. Lyne's candidature, as well as that of Mr. Barton. Mr. Lyne is to be asked to deliver an address at Narrabri on federation.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

Heading the federal movement here the hon. secretaries of the Newcastle and District Federal League, Dr. Doyle and Mr. A. E. Chandler, are actively engaged in completing the arrangements for a series of public meetings for the different candidates. Messrs. R. E. O'Connor and Barton will open the campaign as far as Newcastle is concerned at the Masonic Hall on Saturday night. Sir Arthur Renwick speaks here on Monday, Messrs. Black and Spence on Tuesday, and Messrs. Ashton and Millen on Wednesday. In addition to the names mentioned yesterday Dr. Cullen has intimated his intention of visiting Newcastle, and Mr. Lyne is also expected at an early date.

URALLA, Wednesday.

A large number of Mr. Copeland's Uralla friends have signed a requisition asking him to stand for the Federal Convention. A similar requisition in favour of Mr. Carruthers is also being signed.

The requisition made to Mr. John See, M.L.A., on Tuesday evening at the meeting of members of the Opposition and of the Protectionist Union held at Tattersall's-chambers is still under his consideration. Mr. See is a busy man, and he has not as yet been able to decide whether he can become a candidate for the position of one of the representatives of this colony at the Federal Convention. Mr. T. M. Slattery is in much the same position. Many of his friends have urged upon him the desirability of permitting himself to be nominated. He has not, however, come to a decision with regard to the matter as yet.

A deputation of influential citizens will wait upon Cardinal Moran at noon to-morrow with the object of asking him to permit himself to be nominated as a candidate for the Federal Convention.

Mr. J. H. Carruthers, Minister for Lands, will have the honour of being the first Minister to open the Federal campaign. He is to speak at Kogarah School of Arts this evening.

MUNICIPAL NOMINATIONS.

We have received the following additional information concerning nominations for the approaching municipal elections:—

BLAYNEY.—As alderman: Extraordinary vacancy—George Pile, jun., and Samuel Patterson.

BROKEN HILL.—There have been no withdrawals. Each seat will be contested.

CAMDEN.—As aldermen: E. G. Griffiths, G. F. Turner, G. W. Cleveland, and Henry Willis. As auditors: W. R. Cowper and R. F. M'Ewan (elected).

LISMORE.—At the nomination to-day Messrs. J. F. O'Flynn and F. Exton W. Read were declared duly elected as aldermen; Messrs. James Barrie and C. Syer as auditors. The election of Mayor takes place on Friday.

MACLEAN.—Alderman John M'Kinnon, the Mayor, has withdrawn from the municipal contest, leaving five candidates to go to the poll.

MANLY.—In consequence of the resignation of Alderman German, an extraordinary vacancy has occurred, and the following nominations have been received:—A. John Percival Stevens, John Duncan.

NARRABRI.—As aldermen: M. Saunders (elected), North Ward. G. Williams (elected), Dangar Ward. H. A. Fairleigh and A. R. Stafford, South Ward.

NORTH BOTANY.—As North Botany Borough was incorporated since the passing of the Local Option Bill, the local option vote is taken in that borough at different periods to boroughs in existence before the passing of such bill. The vote was taken last year, but as there was no contest for aldermanic seats on that occasion, very little interest was taken in the proceeding. Only seven votes were recorded from over a thousand voters. The cost of the election was £7, being a cost at the rate of £1 per vote recorded. Owing to the failure of the election the Government has written to the North Botany Council, asking them to take the vote again this year in whatever wards there is to be an aldermanic contest. The North Ward is the only ward contested, and the council has decided to comply with the request of the Government in respect to that ward.

STRATHFIELD.—We have been requested to state that there will be contests in the Strathfield, Homebush, and Flemington Wards.

URALLA.—As aldermen: Messrs. M'Mahon, M'Alister, and Lonsdale.

WEST NARRABRI.—As aldermen: Messrs. P. O'Connor and Grattan (elected).

NORTH SYDNEY.

Mr. T. W. Hodgson last night addressed a large meeting of ratepayers from the balcony of Messrs. Butler and M'Kye's premises, West and Ernest streets, North Sydney. The chair was taken by Mr. J. Ebert. Mr. T. W. Hodgson stated that he sought their suffrages as an old resident in the district and the ward. His opponent lived outside the ward, while he lived and had his interests within it. He was locally well known to them all. He lived and had his business on the Shore, so their interests were his also. If returned he would do what he could to advance the borough generally and Belmore Ward in particular, and would see the ratepayers got their share of the expenditure.

AMUSEMENTS.

CRITERION THEATRE.

The Brough Comedy Company will close their successful season at the Criterion Theatre to-night with a final performance of Messrs. Brookfield and Phillips' clever emotional comedy, "A Woman's Reason."

SALON CINEMATOGRAPHE.

Mr. James MacMahon gave a special exhibition of tableaux at the Salon Cinematographe yesterday afternoon in honour of Cardinal Moran. The Cardinal, who was attended by the Rev. Dr. O'Haran and a numerous party, expressed his delight at the entertainment before leaving the salon.

The Native Rose Lodge, No. 46, of the Protestant Alliance Friendly Society held a most successful social in Lovett's Hall, Bondi Junction, on Tuesday evening. Bro. Morrow, grandmaster, presided over an excellent attendance. Vocal and instrumental music, recitations, &c., were provided by Bro. Le Clere, Bro. J. Smith, Bro. Hughes, Bro. Austin, Bro. Harper, Bro. Clack, Bro. Ross, Bro. Graham. Bro. Pringle acted as accompanist.

At the meeting of the Onward and Upward Lodge I.O.G.T., Burwood, on Tuesday, the following officers were installed by the D.D., Bro. Munday:—C.T., Bro. Sloan; V.T., Bro. Norman; secretary, Bro. Grierson; A.S., Sister Grierson; treasurer, Sister Hunter; chaplain, Sister Steward; marshal, Sister Davis; D. marshal, Sister Greenhurst; guard, Sister Casey; P.C.T., Sister Mrs. Flynn.

COUNTRY NEWS.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

At the Quarter Sessions to-day, before Acting Judge Wade, Edwin Hill, George Eagles, and Albert Moriarty were charged with breaking and entering a warehouse, and stealing 44 bags and 177 bushels of corn. Eagles and Moriarty were convicted, and Hill was found guilty of receiving.

ALBURY, Wednesday.

The half-yearly meeting of the Albury Brewing and Malting Company was held to-day. It showed the business of the past six months to be exceptionally large and profitable. The usual dividend of 5 per cent was declared, but the plant valuation was reduced, and other items written down by an amount representing twice the amount of the dividend.

At a meeting of the borough council to-night a letter was received from Mr. R. T. Ball, M.L.A., stating that he had induced the Minister of Lands to promise to reconsider the question of handing over the market reserve to the police authorities. A vote of thanks was carried to Mr. Ball, and a resolution was also carried protesting against the department's proposal to give the reserve to any other body.

BOURKE, Wednesday.

Mrs. M'Girr, a well-known resident of this town, of a religious and charitable character, received a stroke of paralysis when returning from church on Sunday morning, in consequence of the great heat. She never rallied, dying early this morning.

At a meeting of the Pastures and Stock Protection Board yesterday a motion was carried that the meeting approve of the action taken by the Sydney board, and agreeing to co-operate and assist in the movement started by the Canonbar board to get the powers now exercised by the Public Service Board restored to the various sheep boards of the colony.

A large amount of interest is taken in the result of the ballot for 12 members of the hospital committee.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

Mr. Alfred Ormond, electrician at the Proprietary mine, left last night for Cockle Creek to take up a position at Ashcroft's smelting works.

Harry Webb, labourer, died at the hospital last night of typhoid, after a four days' illness. This is the second case within a week.

The revenue of the local lands office for the past year amounted to £2009.

BURROWA, Wednesday.

A glaring example of the public-holiday nuisance occurred to-day. Last night an official telegram was received that to-day was a public holiday within the Burrowa electorate on account of the races at Murrumburrah. No one in the town or country was aware of this, and many people came to do business at the banks and public offices, some journeying 35 miles in the broiling sun.

CAMDEN, Wednesday.

At a meeting of the School of Arts committee last night Mr. J. G. Harris was unanimously re-elected president, and Mr. W. R. Cowper and Dr Bell vice-presidents.

At a large and representative meeting of the Camden Police District Progress Association last night it was decided to convene a meeting of dairy farmers in the Campbelltown, Picton, and Camden districts at Camden for next Tuesday evening week to protest against some of the regulations of the Dairies Supervision Act framed by the Board of Health. It is considered that as they stand they will wipe out all the small dairy farmers. It was also decided by the association to make application to the proper authorities to have Camden, which is the most central place in the electorate, declared the head polling place for the future.

DELEGATE, Wednesday.

The Messrs. Nichol Brothers, of Bendoc Park were last evening entertained at a banquet at Evans's Hotel prior to their departure from the district. An address had been prepared, but did not reach here in time for presentation, but will be forwarded to them.

GLEN INNES, Wednesday.

At a meeting of the Glen Innes Railway League last night it was decided to hold a conference on or about the 23rd instant, when matters in connection with the proposed Grafton-Glen Innes-Inverell railway will be discussed.

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

At Christ Church, West Goulburn, last evening Canon Soares, who is leaving the diocese after 40 years' connection with it, was presented with an address and a purse of 50 sovereigns by the parishioners, the clergy, and friends. Canon Pritchard made the presentation, and Canon Soares feelingly replied.

Last evening the Mayor entertained the aldermen at dinner.

GRAFTON, Wednesday.

Mr. T. Page was elected secretary of the Grafton Hospital, Mr. T. Bawden, treasurer; Drs. Heiley and Smith paid medical officers for the current year. Nurse Goulding, who has been acting matron, was permanently appointed to the position.

LISMORE, Wednesday.

The police returns show the population of the Richmond River and Tweed to be 26,496, of which 152 are Chinese. The increase of the population during the last year was 483. The population of the town of Lismore is now 2724.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

The men at the deviation between Mount Victoria and Blackheath complain bitterly of the want of water, although there are some 400-gallon iron tanks on the line which they could use. There is sickness among both men and horses in consequence of the drainage, which goes into and contaminates the creek.

MACLEAN, Wednesday.

At the annual meeting of the School of Arts the report showed that the total number of books issued during the year was 3153. After paying for all the improvements a credit balance of £14 19s 6d remained. The total revenue for the year was £92 1ss 11d and the expenditure £77 19s 5d. The subscriptions show an increase of £20 on the former year. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. F. Lanny; vice-president, Mr. T. Swindells; treasurer, Mr. F. Schwonberg; secretary, Mr. R. Till.

A general committee meeting of the L.C.A. Society was held on Saturday, when the date of the annual show was fixed for the 4th and 5th May. Special prizes were offered by Mr. John See, Messrs. Harper and Co., Mr. D. T. Burt, and the N.C.S.N. Company.

MITTAGONG, Wednesday.

An accident occurred at the deviation works at Colo Vale on Monday to a man named M'Namara, who whilst working was accidentally struck in the eye by a fellow-workman with a pick, which entered the socket about an inch and a half. Dr. Middleton advised the sufferer to enter the Sydney Eye Hospital.

MILTON, Wednesday.

The opening of the new recreation ground at South Head, Ulladulla, was celebrated by a picnic to-day. Several hundred people were present, including the councillors and members of the Progress Association. The Mayor (Alderman Cooper) formally declared the recreation ground opened and dedicated it to the public use, calling it Victoria Park in honour of the 60th year of her Majesty's reign.

MOREE, Wednesday.

At the annual general meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society a credit balance of £151 was reported. The following committee was elected:—Mesdames Robertson, M'Master, Everingham, Clark, G. Jurd, M'Intosh, Thompson, Stewart, Joseph, Midgley, Kabitz, Scott, Magee, Misses Everingham, Woodd, Carver, and Jurd. Mrs. Robertson was elected president.

At a meeting of the municipal council last night it was decided to obtain counsel's opinion as to the power of the council to compel the Government to cut the burrs on the Crown reserves abutting the streets of the town, as such burrs increase the cost of keeping the streets clean and deteriorate private property. A vote of thanks was passed to Alderman C. W. Mills, who has left Moree to study medicine at Edinburgh University, for his past services to the council.

MOUNT VICTORIA, Wednesday.

Complaints are being made by the men employed on the railway deviation works as to the water supply. The men, with their wives and children, are camped upon the spot, and the want of good drinking water is causing suffering, and is believed to be a menace to health. The men want the Government to run water along in the train from Blackheath, as has been done on other parts of the western deviation.

Two six-roomed semi-detached weatherboard cottages on the Hartley Vale-road, close to the railway station, were completely burned in about half an hour about midday to-day.

MURWILLUMBAH, Wednesday.

Intelligence has been received from the Minister for Justice that he has decided to abolish the position of resident police magistrate here, and have the duties performed by a visiting police magistrate from Lismore. This has occasioned universal indignation, and a public meeting has been convened for Friday night to protest.

NARRABRI, Wednesday.

A fire broke out to-day in the stables of Mr. Williams, which were completely destroyed. Great difficulty was experienced in saving Cobb and Co.'s stables and the property adjoining. A buggy belonging to Mr. Timms, railway contractor, was destroyed. There was no insurance on the buildings.

NYNGAN, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the Selectors' Association held to-day was largely attended. Mr. J. T. Quinn was re-elected president, and Messrs. J. Knight, K. Marchison, and J. Robinson, vice-presidents. It was decided that a deputation should wait on the Minister for Mines next Saturday, with the object of representing the wants of the district in reference to throwing open more land.

The show committee has decided to hold the forthcoming show on the 1st and 2nd June.

RYLSTONE, Wednesday.

The discovery of a payable reef at Tabrabucca has caused a deal of excitement. The reef is reported to show splendid gold. It was first discovered on T. Dick's property, within 100 yards of the homestead. Sherwey's party on the adjoining block unearthed a splendid specimen, which is likely to prove very valuable. The ground is being pegged out.

Intense heat still prevails, the thermometer yesterday registering 106° in the shade. Rain is very badly wanted. Bush fires are still raging.

TAMWORTH, Wednesday.

At a meeting of the Pastures and Stock Protection Board the balance-sheet for 1896 showed a credit balance of £2270 16s 5d. A meeting of the board of sheep directors was afterwards held, when a letter from the Canonbar board protesting against inspectors of stock being placed under the control of the Civil Service Board was received. It was decided to support the action of the Canonbar board to the fullest possible extent, and further, it was affirmed that the board considered that the Colonial Treasurer should give a full statement every year of the expenditure of the money raised under the assessment under the Diseases in Sheep Act Amendment Act.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

Pony and galloway racing will be the attraction at Kensington this afternoon, and a six-event programme will supply the sport. The customary means of transit by rail and road will be at the service of visitors, and the opening race is timed for 2.15.

Leadville Amateur, West Wyalong R.C., Grenfell H.A.C.B.S., Finley R.C., and Savernake race meetings were yesterday granted registration by the A.J.C.

The equine exodus to the south was continued yesterday, when a section of the Newmarket team, Fort, Don John, Spindrift, and Yarrow, left by the s.s. Aramac; while Coil, Metford, and Mecca took their departure by mail train accompanied by T. Payton. Mr. S. Hordern's pair of two-year-olds, El Norte and Norwegian, also went by rail in charge of I. Earnshaw.

The conditions under which bookmakers were allowed to transact business in the principal enclosure at the late meeting of the Calcutta Turf Club included a deposit of 20,000 rupees and a fee of 400 rupees per day.

Mr. Glascock has put Larrikin into work again. The old steeplechaser looks remarkably well, having while in the paddock been provided with hand feed. It is thought he will be able to take part in cross-country events at a comparatively early date.

Loch Fyne bolted and fell on a hard metalled road at Caulfield in the early part of the week, and received such injuries as to prevent him being trained for some time.

A few mares have been served by Wallace this season at St. Albans.

Aurum, a full brother to Auraria, who is engaged in the V.R.C. Sires' Produce Stakes, has grown into a fine colt at St. Albans. He is stated to be big and muscular.

Carnage is represented in St. Albans paddocks by a filly foal from Buttercup, a colt from Maid of Honour, and a filly from Wild Rose.

Man of Honour is stated to be a difficult horse to train. Redfearn has turned him out.

Sylvan Prince, the hurdle racer, staked himself badly in a paddock at Caulfield recently, and had to be destroyed.

A sub committee of the V.R.C. was engaged on Monday last in considering the rules of racing with a view to their revision. Several of the rules are considered to be faulty; and, after the members of the sub-committee have exhaustively reviewed them, a process that will take some time, a series of recommendations will be made to the general committee.

Pony and galloway races will be held at Rosebery Park on Tuesday next. The programme will be found in the business sheet of the paper. Entries close with Mr. T. S. Donnellan, secretary, before 5 p.m. to-morrow.

The Sydney-trained horse Milgarra, and also Cabin Boy, who has just returned from the North of Queensland, both started in the City Handicap, run yesterday at the annual meeting of the New England Jockey Club, and were not able to get a place. The event was won by the four-year-old Osborne, a son of Russley and Queensberry, and who was last year in J. Gough's stable at Randwick. Our local correspondent states that Osborne, who won a double yesterday, is a strong favourite for the New England Cup to be run to-day.

Pony and galloway races, particulars of which will be found in our advertising columns, will be held at Canterbury Park on Wednesday next. Entries will be received by Mr. W. L. Davis, secretary, up to 5 p.m. to-morrow.

The fact that Mr. Gollan has won another steeplechase in England is not of itself so important, especially as the race appears to be a small outside fixture, but it shows that the Australasian sportsman is racing his horses into form for the Liverpool Grand National and making them pay their way at the same time. There are no penalties incurred in the great cross-country race by horses winning races after the declaration of the weights, and this fact should prove of great service to the Australian horses. At the weights Norton would seem to have a better chance than Ebor, but he is a somewhat difficult horse to train. Again, Daimio is a strong-constitutioned horse, of a sluggish disposition, that it is necessary to race to get into the best form.

On Monday next pony and galloway races will be held at Brighton. Entries close with Mr. S. Peters, secretary, at 5 p.m. to-morrow. The card will be found in the business part of the paper.

A programme of pony and galloway races to be held at Kensington on Thursday, the 11th instant, will be found in our advertising columns. Entries close for the events contained therein with Mr. P. O'Mara, secretary, by 5 p.m. to-morrow.

Our Hobart correspondent states that there were seven totalisators worked at the annual meeting of the Tasmanian Racing Club, no less than £1383 being invested in them on the Cup. So far this meeting is the most successful gathering yet held under the T.R.C. auspices.

MOOREFIELD PONY AND GALLOWAY RACES.

The pony and galloway races held at Moorefield yesterday were fairly well attended. The weather was fine. The following are the results:—

BRUSH HURDLE HANDICAP (15.0) of 25 sovs., second horse 3 sovs. from the prize, about 1½ mile.—E. Hughes's br g Towrang, aged, 10st 7lb (W. Bonser), 1; A. Gollan's b m Eveline, aged, 11st 3lb (D. Edwards), 2; J. Stewart's blk g Nugget, aged, 8st 10lb (H. Frampton), 3. Other starters: Someday, 9st 3lb; Vanity (late Little Shamrock), 8st 7lb. Betting: 5 to 4 v. Towrang, 7 to 4 v. Eveline, 6 to 1 v. Nugget. Won by two lengths, eight lengths between second and third. Time, 3 minutes 5½ seconds.

TEMPE HANDICAP (14.3) of 25 sovs., second horse 3 sovs. from the prize, 5 furlongs.—M. Dunn ns b m Crimson, 4 years, 7st 7lb (J. M'Gee), 1; J. M'Donough ns br m Romp, aged, 8st 4lb (P. Hayes), 2; L. A. Cooper's br f Djin Djin, 2 years, 9st (P. Quaine), 3. Other starters: Miss Selkirk, 8st 3lb; Butler, 7st 5lb; Mundic, 7st; Sting, 7st; Torpedo, 6st 12lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Crimson, 5 to 2 v. Djin Djin, 7 to 1 v. Sting, 10 to 1 v. others. Won by two lengths, a length between second and third. Time, 1 minute 5¼ seconds.

PARK STAKES, a handicap of 20 sovs., 4 furlongs.—W. Walter's pb m Respect (late Lady Alpha), aged, 6st 7lb (J. Fanning), 1; E. Jordan's ch m Parody, aged, 7st 5lb, including 7lb penalty (G. Foster), 2; J. Gilbert ns b m Signora, 4 or 5 years, 6st 9½lb, including 2½lb over (J. M'Dougall), 3. Other starters: Flirt, 7st 7lb, including 5lb over; Claudius, 6st 10lb; Good-bye, 6st 9lb. Betting: 5 to 2 each v. Good-bye and Claudius, 4 to 1 v. Parody, 5 to 1 v. Signora, 8 to 1 v. Respect. Won by half a length, a length between second and third. Time, 53 seconds.

FLYING HANDICAP (15.0) of 25 sovs., second horse 3 sovs. from the prize, 5 furlongs.—J. A. Cooper's g m Aluminium, 4 years, 9st 9lb (P. Quaine), 1; E. Thompson's ch m Bantry, aged, 6st 10lb, including 1lb over (J. Fanning), 2; W. Bonser ns br m Nardoo, 5 years, 8st 9lb (J. Montgomery), 3. Other starters: Bullion, 8st 12lb; Storm, 7st 12lb; Shotover, 7st 10lb; Jean, 7st 7lb; Zena, 7st 5lb; Kwelanga, 7st 3lb; Ida, 7st; Tommy, 6st 8lb, including 1lb over. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Storm, 4 to 1 v. Nardoo, 5 to 1 v. Aluminium, 6 to 1 v. Kwelanga, 10 to 1 each v. Jean, Bantry, and Zena. Won by two lengths, a half length between second and third. Time, 1 minute 5½ seconds.

CARLTON HANDICAP (14.2) of 25 sovs., second horse 3 sovs. from the prize, 4 furlongs.—W. Saunders ns b m Pink 'Un, aged, 8st 5lb (G. Garland), 1; J. M'Grath ns b m Little Lady, 4 years, 6st 10lb (F. Kuhn), 2; J. Jordan ns b g Tivoli, 6 years, 7st 5lb, including 1lb over (J. M'Gee), 3. Other starters: Mignon, 8st 10lb; Rose I., 8st 4lb, including 3lb over; Will o' the Wisp, 7st 6lb; Bertrand, 7st 2lb. Betting: 7 to 4 v. Pink 'Un, 2 to 1 v. Little Lady, 5 to 2 v. Tivoli, 7 to 1 v. Mignon. Won by two and a half lengths, a half length between second and third. Time, 52½ seconds.

KOGARAH HANDICAP (15.0) of 30 sovs., second horse 3 sovs. from the prize, 1 mile.—J. Fagan's b m Siloe, 6 years, 7st 12lb (P. Hayes), 1; E. Hudson's b m Regalia, 5 or 6 years, 7st 11lb (C. Dean), 2; E. Thompson's ch m Bantry, aged, 6st 7lb (F. Kuhn), 3. Other starters: Olivera, 8st 5lb; Little Missus, 7st 12lb; After Ten, 7st 3lb; Zara, 7st 2lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v. After Ten, 3 to 1 v. Olivera, 6 to 1 each v. Little Missus, Bantry, and Regalia, 8 to 1 v. Siloe, 10 to 1 v. Zara. Won by two lengths, a length between second and third.

LILLIE BRIDGE RACES.

There was a good attendance at Lillie Bridge last night, when a bicycle race and three pony races were run through, with the following results:—

ONE MILE BICYCLE HANDICAP.—G. Smith, 70 yards, 1. Other starters: C. Deane, 105 yards; M. Godfrey, 110; A. Voss, 110; F. Franks, 125; W. Davis, 145; G. Rover, 145; P. Fletcher, 145; J. Johnson, 150; S. Whittle, 150; S. Gillis, 160; F. Williams, 175; E. Thomas, 175; F. Morehead, 195; J. Burcher, 195; J. Ross, 145. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Godfrey, 3 to 1 v. Voss, 6 to 1 v. others. Won by two lengths from Godfrey.

DWARF HANDICAP (12.2 to 12.3), 3 furlongs.—J. Ganton's Lillian, 7st 5lb, 1. Other starters: Mischief, 10st 2lb; Little Jemmy, 9st 13lb; Frills, 8st 10lb; Newhaven, 7st 9lb; Little Gladys, 7st 4lb. Betting: 2 to 1 each v. Frills and Newhaven, 3 to 1 each v. Lillian and Mischief, 5 to 1 v. others. Won by half a length from Little Jemmy.

BRIDGE HANDICAP (13.2 to 13.2½), 4 furlongs.—R. Davis's Cinnero, 7st 6lb, 1. Other starters: Searle, 9st 7lb; Nana, 8st 1lb; Lady Isabel, 7st 4lb. Betting: 2 to 1 on Searle, 3 to 1 each v. Cinnero and Lady Isabel, 5 to 1 v. Nana. Won by a length from Searle.

MIDGET HANDICAP (12.3 to 13.0), 3 furlongs.—W. Fleming's Eurobin, 10st 4lb, 1. Other starters: Jenny Sly, 9st 6lb; Little Bertha, 8st 6lb. Betting: 6 to 4 on Eurobin, 2 to 1 each v. Jenny Sly and Little Bertha. Won by a length from Little Bertha.

NEW ENGLAND JOCKEY CLUB.

ARMIDALE, Wednesday.

The New England Jockey Club's annual race meeting was begun to-day. The weather was fine, but the course was rather hard and dusty. There were large fields and good racing with close finishes. There were no accidents. The attendance was about 1500. The following are the results:—

BOROUGH HANDICAP.—Mr. C. Jeffries's Osborne, 1; Mr. C. F. Turner's Narcissus, 2; Mr. A. Fraser's Highland Laddie, 3. Other starters: Milgarra, Pippo, Harvester, Gazelle.

NOVELTY HANDICAP.—Kapunda, 1; Planet, 2; Uncle, 3. Other starters: Inventor and Miss Morgan.

CITY HANDICAP.—Mr. C. Jeffries's Osborne, 1; Mr. J. Western's Old Clo', 2; Mr. J. Dwyer's Aerolite, 3. Other starters: Cabin Boy, Solenda, Investor, Mount Victoria, The Bullock, and Agate.

PARK STAKES.—Mr. C. F. Turner's The Swift, 1; Mr. T. Head's The Quadrant, 2; Mr. W. Johnson's Ruby, 3. Other starters: Ribbons, Ding Dong, Kapunda, and Uncle.

FLYING WELTER.—Mr. R. Marshall's Ida, 1; Mr. White's Mount Victoria, 2; Mr. Donoghue's Hornet, 3. Other starters: Blacklock, Narcissus, Chanticleer, Harvester, and Gazelle.

MURRUMBURRAH RACING CLUB.

SECOND DAY.

MURRUMBURRAH, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the local race club was continued and concluded to-day in hot weather, the thermometer registering 101° in the shade at 1 p.m. The attendance was better than on the previous day, about 1200 being present. The following are the results:—

HURDLE RACE.—Wanderer, 1; Forget-me-not, 2. Won by two lengths.

FLYING HANDICAP, ¾ mile.—Eldershot, 1; Mentone, +; Rapid, +; Ben, + (dead heat). Won by half a length. Time, 1 minute 18 seconds.

TURF CLUB HANDICAP, 1½ mile.—Marguerite, 1; Marshal Neil, 2. Won by a neck. Time, 2 minutes 16½ seconds.

WELTER HANDICAP, 1 mile and a chain.—Rei, 1; Rapid, 2. Won by half a length. Time, 1 minute 50 seconds.

FAREWELL HANDICAP, ¾ mile.—Rapid, 1; Honeydew II., 2. Won easily by a length. Time, 1 minute 17½ seconds.

TASMANIAN RACING CLUB.

FIRST DAY.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the Tasmanian Racing Club was commenced to-day. The following are the results:—

FIRST HURDLE RACE.—Bonaparte (Mr. Harrison), +; Christmas Carol (Law), +; Kimberley (Douglas), 3. Other starters: Tarleton, Quickfire, Warrior. A dead heat for first. Totalisator dividend: Bonaparte, 17s; Christmas Carol, £3.

HOBART CUP, 1½ mile.—Benedict, 7st 2lb (Stebbing), 1; Honiton, 8st 7lb (Holmes), 2; The Sunbeam, 7st 10lb (Poole), 3. Other starters: Pharamond, 9st; Lena, 8st 6lb; Mountaineer, 8st 5lb; Tamino, 8st 3lb; Harefield, 8st; Mercury, 7st 12lb; Nora Creina, 7st 9lb; Carbineer, 7st 7lb; Sennacherib, 7st 2lb; Mota, 6st 12lb; Acorn, 6st 10lb. Benedict got to the front before entering the straight, and won by two lengths, the same distance between second and third. Time, 2 minutes 42½ seconds.

TWO-YEAR-OLD RACE.—Leopok (Morrison), 1; Timbrel (Anson), 2; Westra (Neason), 3. Other starters: Hercules, Mount Pleasant, Leah, and The Gaiety Girl. Won by a head, three lengths between second and third. Time, 1 minute 2¼ seconds.

SUMMER HANDICAP.—The Roe (Smyth), 1; Asshur (Redfern), +; Marie (King), +. Eleven started. Time, 1 minute 25 seconds. Totalisator dividend, £2 8s.

NARRABRI JOCKEY CLUB.

NARRABRI, Wednesday.

The following are the nominations for the two principal events to be run at the meeting of the Narrabri Jockey Club on 10th and 11th February:—

NAMOI HANDICAP.—Lady, Asthore, Buckle, Tucka Tucka, Battanda, Syndicate, B.K., Una, Aerolite, Valor, and Clyde.

JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP.—Lady, Asthore, Buckle, Tucka Tucka, Battanda, Syndicate, B.K., Una, Aerolite, Valor, Clyde, Ulric, Jack the Robber, and Highland Laddie.

PEDESTRIANISM.

Entries close next Friday afternoon for the Lillie Bridge Novice and Professional Handicap, to be run next Monday night.

CYCLING.

NEW SOUTH WALES CYCLISTS' TOURING UNION.

The first annual meeting of the above union was held at Mr. Quong Tart's rooms, King-street, last night. There was a very good attendance, including a number of ladies. Mr. W. R. George presided. The union's first annual report was read by the secretary (Mr. S. G. Baker), and adopted without discussion. It stated that highly satisfactory progress had been made since the inauguration in July, and the membership now numbered 467, including 43 ladies. A number of consuls had been appointed to represent the union in country districts, and members would receive every assistance from these gentlemen. An arrangement had been almost concluded with the New Zealand Cyclists' Touring Club for the exchange of provisional certificates, by which visiting members of that body might take advantage of the benefits offered by the union, and corresponding courtesies would be enjoyed by members of the New South Wales Tourists' Union visiting New Zealand. The Customs authorities in Victoria had, at the instigation of the union's executive, agreed to admit members' machines into that colony free of duty on presenting proper credentials. The same privilege had also been conceded by the Tasmanian Customs. Arrangements were in progress for the erection of signboards and danger-boards for the benefit of members touring the country districts. The balance-sheet showed a credit of £35 13s, and the assets exceeded the liabilities by £51 17s 10d.

The Chairman explained that the present meeting was held in order that they might be within the meaning of the rules. They had only been in existence five months, but as an annual report had to be presented on the 1st February of each year they had to meet and confirm the work already performed.

The following officers were elected:—Patron, his Excellency Viscount Hampden; president, Hon. J. H. Carruthers; vice-presidents, Mr. H. Montague Faithfull, Dr. Shewen, Messrs. J. O. Fairfax, L. C. Russell Jones, W. R. George, W. H. Massie, Dr. Bennett, Messrs. P. B. Cohen and Harold Cochrane; executive, Messrs. E. A. Maddock, J. B. Holdsworth, G. Corkhill, R. Patrick, E. A. Pearson, J. Pearson, F. Walker, J. C. Cameron, A. Chapman; hon. secretary, Mr. S. G. Baker; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. H. Poole.

On the motion of Mr. J. B. Holdsworth, seconded by Mr. E. A. Pearson, it was resolved,—"That this meeting authorises the executive of the union to enter into negotiations with the New Zealand Cyclists' Touring Club or any kindred organisation in Australasia with respect to reciprocity agreements." Mr. Holdsworth said it had been thought necessary to get the sanction of a general meeting before making agreements with clubs outside the colony.

Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring officers and the chairman.

In consequence of the programme adopted by the executive committee of the league not meeting with satisfaction amongst some of the members, a requisition has been forwarded to the secretary asking for a special meeting for the purpose of discussing the proposals. Saturday night has been appointed to consider the various items.

The North Sydney B.C. met at the Power House on Saturday last for an afternoon's outing. The place chosen for the run was San Souci, and a large number of members put in an appearance. A start was made by the 2.45 punt for the city, the route taken being through Redfern to the Cook's River-road, which was found to be in very good condition excepting that portion between Rockdale and the Gladstone Hotel. Sans Souci was reached at 4.15. After enjoying the refreshing cup of tea a start for home was made about 6 o'clock, and after battling against a very strong head wind the party arrived home before dark, fully satisfied with the run.

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

Great indignation is felt by members of the local branch of the League of Wheelmen at the action of the Sydney branch in passing a motion calling upon the local branch to show cause why it should not be expunged. The allegations made at the meeting are said to be groundless. It is also stated that the protests were not ignored, but the local committee is awaiting the receipt of nomination papers from Sydney before dealing with them.

RYLSTONE, Wednesday.

The Rylstone Jockey Club held a general meeting last night. The following programme was adopted for the race meeting on 24th March:—Dabee Handicap, 12 sovs.; Bylong Handicap, 8 sovs.; Rylstone Handicap, 25 sovs.; Widden Handicap, 10 sovs.; Lue Welter Handicap, 10 sovs.

THE AUSTRALIAN FAIR SPORTS.

The following handicaps have been declared for the athletic events in the above sports next Saturday:—

High Jump Handicap.—M. M. Rossingrave, scratch; E. Lough, W. Gibbs, allowed 8in.; R. Masterton, E. Gibbons, J. F. Johnson, allowed 10in.; W. E. Buckham, J. G. Bissett, allowed 12in.—R. Coombes, handicapper.

120 Yards Hurdle Handicap.—M. M. Rossingrave, owes 15 yards; B. H. Richards, owes 10; R. Masterton, owes 9; G. C. Griffin, owes 7½; J. Wright, owes 5; E. Lough, owes 4; W. H. Wiseman, owes 2; E. A. Pettitt, scratch; W. E. Buckham, scratch.—R. Coombes, handicapper.

100 Yards Handicap.—S. Rowley, scratch; J. F. Johnson, 2½ yards; B. H. Richards, 3; J. G. Bissett, 3½; W. F. Thomas, 4; G. C. Griffin, 4½; A. P. Humphries, 5½; F. F. Haigh, P. Hartigan, 5½; G. E. Jordon, 5½; E. M. Connell, R. Masterton, J. Wright, 6; R. Somers, L. B. Parish, 6½; F. Tidswell, 7; W. E. Buckham, 7½; H. F. Perkins, W. H. Wiseman, 7½; M. J. Doyle, E. Gibbons, H. B. Anderson, E. A. Pettitt, A. H. Seers, F. O. Simmons, 8; W. Hartley, T. Waite, F. C. A. Pile, C. H. S. Hughes, 8½; J. Toober, 8½; J. V. Curtain, W. Johnstone, R. Pyers, jun., 9; G. M. Rowohl, J. Kenniff, 9½; F. O. Olliffe, 10; A. A. F. Luben, 10½; J. Murphy, 11.—R. Coombes, handicapper.

880 Yards Handicap.—C. Winn, G. C. Griffin, S. W. York, scratch; N. L. Chapman, 3 yards; F. Vogel, W. Horsfield, 10; J. Kelly, 14; C. D. Jones, J. V. Curtain, 18; C. Olliffe, B. A. Quodling, R. Masterton, 22; C. Bridge, A. Frazer, 24; W. E. Buckham, 25; W. J. Thomas, F. Tidswell, W. H. Wiseman, 32; F. M'Donald, S. Lough, A. P. Humphries, 35; C. Jarvis, 38; A. A. F. Luben, 40; F. R. Hayes, S. R. Edwards, 45.—E. S. Marks, handicapper.

CRICKET.

Mrs. Donnan, the mother of Mr. H. Donnan, the cricketer, died at her residence, Liverpool, yesterday.

Teams representing the *Herald* and *Daily Telegraph* met on the Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday. The match is now pretty well regarded as an annual event. The first took place last year, when the *Herald* won, but on the present occasion the *Telegraph* reversed the tables and gained a decisive victory. *Herald* batted first, but could offer little opposition to the bowling of Flood and Land. The innings closed for 59, the only double figures being Chapman 21 and Matthews 12. The *Daily Telegraph* replied with 305, towards which Pite contributed 152, and though he should have been dismissed before obtaining double figures he gave an exhibition of sterling batting. Others who assisted in keeping the *Herald* in the field were Purdie 63, Flood 17, Freckle 18, Hammond 12, and Wilkinson 11. The bowlers who met with any success at all were Arnott (four for 22), Gregory (three for 90), and Elliott (one for 12). With half an hour to bat, Gregory and Chapman went in for the second innings, and by hard hitting registered 91 without the loss of a wicket (the former 50 and the latter 31). Both teams were subsequently entertained at tea by Mr. Quong Tart, who, with Mr. Packer, carried out the duties of umpire. The game was pleasantly contested. A return match is to be arranged.

Summer Hill and Leichhardt Half-holiday Associations met on the Ashfield Park on Wednesday, and after an exciting match Summer Hill won by 1 run. Summer Hill, 104 (Chisold 49 not out, Cooper 34); Leichhardt, 103 (Smith 28, Fleck 20). Stenhouse, for Summer Hill, performed the hat trick, and Fleck obtained seven wickets for 29 for Leichhardt.

BOWLS.

CITY V. BALMAIN.

Yesterday afternoon the Balmain and City teams met in the championship competition on the Waverley Oval. Much interest was taken in the match, the City representatives being expected to give a good account of themselves. The game was most exciting; 25 heads were played, each side scoring 25 points. An additional head was played, when Balmain scored one point to nil, thus winning the game amidst enthusiasm.

LAWN TENNIS.

UNION RECREATION CLUB, STRATHFIELD.

For several years past tennis players have been looking forward to a grass tournament at Strathfield in October. The strong expressions of opinion on the part of the players at last year's tournament so impressed the committee that they resolved to carry this idea into execution. As the result of their vigorous work, in which they secured the hearty co-operation of the older members of the club, they have now, by sacrificing one of their asphalt courts, been able to secure five excellent grass courts for their next tournament. Four of the courts are side by side, two upon and two slightly above the level of the old courts. The courts have been most carefully drained and grassed at great expense, and they are completely surrounded by raised banks, which form a perfect vantage ground for the spectators. The whole work is most complete and its effect is to add very considerably to the beauty of the club grounds. These courts are perhaps the most complete in Australia, and it is a matter for the careful consideration of the L.T. Association whether Strathfield should not be the scene of future intercolonial contests.

SWIMMING.

PALACE EMPORIUM SWIMMING CLUB.

The above club brought off a number of events at the Natatorium last night. The dead-heat in the 100 Yards Handicap on Monday night between S. Cavill (9 seconds) and D. Gillies (13 seconds) was swum off, and was won by the former by a half-yard in 1 minute 4 2-5 seconds. The first round of the water polo championship was played, and resulted in Balmain A team defeating Balmain B by 4 goals to 2, and Bondi beating East Sydney by 4 goals to 3. Mr. J. Chambers acted as referee in the first, and Mr. J. Taylor in the second. Both events created great excitement. An obstacle race (two lengths) was swum off under the following conditions:—First lap: Through life buoys, dive under canvas, pick up plate, walk to end of bath, thread a needle. Second lap: Under canvas and through life buoys; an umbrella to be carried open, above water, the whole distance, but may be closed when negotiating obstacles. The heat-winners were W. Ragan, W. B. Coates, F. Hopkinson, C. H. Young, M. Phelan, A. Welsh, C. A. Madden, J. Tooher, and C. Martel. The final is to take place on Monday evening next.

The following are the handicaps in connection with the 100 yards members' handicap of the G.P.O. Club:—

First Heat: Dunning, 26 yards; Bolori, 20; Simmons, 20; Smith, 20; Bale, 14; Giles, 12. Second Heat: Willis, 23 yards; Deas, 14; Stevens, 7; Quinn, 8; C. Crossley, 4; W. Robbins, 4. Third Heat: Fraser, 20 yards; Prosser, 15; Shepherd, 10; Wilson, 9; Harris, 13; Davis, 6. Fourth Heat: J. Crossley, 20 yards; Maddigan, 20; Lowe, 19; Keough, 16; Brown, 15; C. Robbins, 3. Fifth Heat: Hoole, 19 yards; Vije, 13; Stevenson, 8; Russell, 7; White, scratch.

AQUATICS.

SYDNEY AMATEUR SAILING CLUB.

The monthly meeting of this club was held at Aaron's Exchange Hotel on Tuesday evening, Mr. J. O. Fairfax (captain of the club) presiding. Mr. D. E. Walker was elected a member. Prizes won in the first and second of the championship events were presented, Mr. W. M. Paul (Varuna) receiving two cheques for £4 each as winner of both events; Mr. M'Lennan (Lasswade) receiving second prize of £2 in first event, and Mr. Crane (Wonga) receiving a similar prize in the second event. It was announced that a race for all boats 18ft. to 24ft., handicapped, would be held on the 13th instant, any crews and sails, in which other clubs had been invited to compete. An alteration in the rule affecting the admission of members was made, on the motion of Mr. Crane, to the effect that nominations received in writing at least 10 days before a committee meeting might be balloted for at that committee meeting, provided the committee had received notice of such nomination prior to the meeting.

JOHNSTONE'S BAY SAILING CLUB.

The monthly meeting was held at Jacobson's Hotel, Balmain, on Tuesday evening, the vice-commodore (Mr. James Fitzsimmons) in the chair. The hon. treasurer (Mr. W. J. Holmes) produced a balance-sheet, which showed an amount of £63 on the right side. A letter was read from the hon. secretary of the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club inviting entrances to an open race on the 13th instant, and it was decided that boatowners should be asked to enter provided the race was for boats belonging to any recognised club. It was also decided that the club be represented by its executive officers at the banquet to Mr. S. H. Hordern on the 10th inst. Arrangements were made for two races fixed for Saturday next, one being a time allowance per foot race for boats 18ft. to 24ft., in which the two Queensland craft, Bulletin and Vera, were entered, the full entries being Bulletin and Vera (Queensland), and the local craft Volunteer, Flying Fish, Gladys, Secret, Figtree, Effie, Esmeralda, Wonga, Vigilant, Irex, Inez, Yvonne, and Stella II. The other race is the 10ft. championship, for which the entries are:—Tam o' Shanter, Viking, Marcelle, Young Clive, Crescent, Our Tom, Arthur, Nellie, Varo, and Onward. The steamers Birkenhead and Lady Manning were engaged to follow these races.

THE TWENTY-FOOTER GENESTA.

This successful little craft has passed out of the hands of the Cameron family, Messrs. Carpenter Brothers, of Glebe Point, having purchased her, and intend racing her.

In the report of the Flying Squadron in yesterday's issue the name, Mr. George Holmes, sen., appears in error; it should be Mr. George Holmes, jun.

FIRE AT SHARK BAY.

GRAYCLIFFE HOUSE BURNT.

Shortly after midday yesterday while J. Robinson, the caretaker of Graycliffe, a magnificent suburban residence overlooking Shark Bay, was working in the garden below the house, he saw a line of fire rapidly making its way up through the long grass and on towards the building on the hillside. Losing no time, he states that he rushed for the garden hose, and immediately got a stream of water playing on the advancing fire. The blaze had become too strong, however, and Robinson, seeing it leap up into the branches of a dried bush close to the house realised that his own efforts would be practically useless. Accordingly he rushed off to the fort at Steele Point and requested a man named Clark to proceed to the nearest telephone and give the alarm, whilst he returned to the house and directed his attention towards saving as much of the contents of the building as possible. Meanwhile a fairly strong breeze was blowing, the blaze spread from the bush to the creepers which adorned the walls, and soon made its way on to the roof, where the dry shingles offered no resistance to its impetuosity. Clark found a telephone at The Hermitage, the residence of Mrs. Little, Edgecliff, and from there he gave the alarm to the Metropolitan Fire Brigade Central Station. What followed is best told in the words of Mr. Webb, Deputy-Superintendent of the Fire Brigade. He said: "We got a call of fire for Graycliffe at 12.47 p.m., and at once ordered on the Woollahra, Waverley, Paddington, and Paddington Brewery Fire Brigades, whilst we started from headquarters with a hose carriage and salvage van. When we arrived a number of sub-marine miners and a detachment of New South Wales Artillerymen were on the spot lending all the assistance in their power. A quantity of furniture and several cases of glassware as well as all other portable articles had been removed from the ground floor. The building was constructed with stone, had two stories, and about 16 rooms. The fire had obtained a firm hold of the upper part of the building, and I saw that little could be done in the way of effecting a save. The nearest water laid on is about half a mile distant, and I found that all I could do was to use the manual engine, obtaining water from some tanks at considerable distance from the house. At no time was the supply adequate to quench the fire, and a force of any strength could only be obtained by using a single jet. Inspector Hyem and a detachment of Water Police were present during the afternoon and gave all the aid in their power. The house, which was built about the year 1852, when the gold fever was at its height, is the property of Mr. Fitzwilliam Wentworth, of Elystan, Trelawney-street, Woollahra, "and that gentleman informed me," said Mr. Webb, "that the upper rooms contained a collection of pictures and chinaware upon which he set high value. It was impossible with the water at our command, and owing to the inflammable nature of the lathes, to prevent the building being completely gutted. We prevented the fire reaching the stables, but the rest of the building was doomed. Only the walls remained standing. We had worked at the fire from about 1.15 p.m., when we arrived, until 8 p.m. When the burning ceiling fell in two of the firemen, Vigay and Saunders, had their faces and necks burnt. Mr. J. R. Hill, solicitor for the estate, paid a visit to the scene of the fire last evening. It is said that the building was insured for £4000 by by the United Insurance Company, but no insurance had been effected on the contents." Robinson, the caretaker, stated to a *Herald* reporter last night that he had not the slightest idea how the blaze started in the grass. His own belongings, valued at £20, were destroyed in the building.

WATER AND SEWERAGE BOARD.

The weekly meeting of the Water Supply and Sewerage Board was held yesterday in the offices, Pitt-street. Colonel Rowe, the president, occupied the chair. The following returns were laid on the table:—Abstract of moneys collected from 1st July, 1896, to 30th January, 1897, the total amount being £137,653 7s 6d, as against £132,429 0s 7d for the same period of the previous year; a statement showing the quantity of water discharged into and out of the Prospect Reservoir during the week ending 30th January, 1897, the average daily consumption being 19,565,000 gallons; a return showing that during the week ended 30th ultimo 626 yards of water mains were laid, five hydrants fixed, and 70 yards of mains lowered. A letter was read from the Municipal Council of Camden requesting the board to receive a deputation regarding the urgent necessity for extending the water supply to the town of Camden. It was resolved to reply that there was no necessity for the deputation, as the board was just as anxious as the municipal council to have granted to it the extended powers necessary to meet the demands of such towns as Camden, but that if the council was determined on the matter the board would be pleased to receive the deputation. On account of the service to Nos. 87, 89, 91 Clarence-street being charged to the one meter, that of No. 91, it was resolved to allow the tenants of No. 91 a rebate of £10 and have the work of providing for a separate service charged to the board. The report of a recent deputation from the Municipal Council of Canterbury which waited on the board asking for an improved water supply in Canterbury-road, from Northcote-street to Sharp-street, was read, and a minute from the engineer was also read recommending a scheme for its improvement at a total cost of £12,000. It was resolved to proceed with the first part of the scheme, to cost £4900, forthwith. It was resolved to extend the water main in Gladstone-parade, Gordon district, by 340 yards, at a cost of £110 10s. The Waterloo Council wrote thanking the board for their decision to carry out the sewerage reticulation of that portion of the borough between the Zetland Estate and Dowling-street. On the recommendation of the engineer it was resolved to lay an 18in. pipe from the branch sewer in Beaconsfield-street, Alexandria, to the old kerosene works, and to erect a ventilating shaft at the chimney stack in the latter works for the purpose of ventilating the main southern outfall sewer at a cost of £90. The tender of Carter, Gummow, and Co., at schedule rates, for the construction of 11,841 lineal feet of pipe sewers in the borough of Leichhardt, was accepted. The office estimate for the work was £4600. One tender was as high as 100 per cent. over schedule rates, and another was 52 per cent. over schedule rates, while not one was below. Accounts amounting to £3378 3s 6d were passed for payment.

NESTLE'S FOOD,
for Infants, Children, and Invalids.—[ADVT.]

LLOYD AND COLLINS's Great Sale now on. Enormous reductions, and 10 per cent. off your bill.—[ADVT.]

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

A fair amount of business transpired in the Mining market yesterday. Two coal-mining companies were dealt in, both at firm rates. Broken Hill silver shares were stronger as a rule, and at the last meeting North Broken sold in good numbers. British had more attention than for some time past. Amongst Tasmanian stocks Hercules realised firm rates, while Curtin and Davis had an advance. Mount Lyell and North Mount Lyell were quoted stronger. Sunlight was the only local company dealt in, selling at a good advance. There were no noteworthy changes in the others. The remainder of the business was confined to Western Australian companies. Associated Gold Mines fetched a better price, and Queensland Menzies were a shade better. Queen Margaret No. 1 South had numerous transactions below the rates they brought on Tuesday. Block 45 also sold lower. The market for Western Australian stocks closed quiet. Queensland ventures, although without any business, were marked by a very steady tone.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyer.	Seller.
COAL.		
Hetton	54/	58/
Stockton	2/9	3/9
Ditto, new	—	1/6
Vale of Clwydd	8/	—
Wallsend	£22	—
Waratah	12/9	13/
Wickham and Bullock Isl.	8/	8/6
Ditto, new	1/6	—
Ditto, preferential, £1 pd	20/	22/
COPPER.		
Great Cobar	37/6	41/
Girilambone	11/	14/6
SILVER.		
British Broken Hill	15/6	16/
Broken Hill Proprietary	52/3	52/6
Block 10	79/	81/6
Block 14	28/	30/
B.H., Bonanza	9d	—
North Broken	11/9	11/10½
B.H. Ore Recovery	1/10	2/
B.H. South, paid	15/7½	16/3
Overflow, pd.	—	9/
Curtin and Davis	14/	14/6
Ditto No. 1, con.	1/0½	1/1½
Mount Lyell	£8 17/6	£9 5/
North Mount Lyell, paid	24/	25/9
GOLD.		
Berribungie	—	2/
Baker's Creek	6/	—
Big Hill	—	1/
Birthday	3/10	4/
Ditto, con.	3/1	3/2
Great North'n, con.	—	1/6
Mount Drysdale	1/10	3/
Mount Gahan	—	1/11
Occidental	2/	2/6
Peak Hill, pd.	—	1/4
Rainbow and Mountain Maid	—	6d
Sunlight	8/9	9/6
West Sunlight, pd.	2/9½	3/1½

	Buyer.	Seller.
W. Sunlight, con.	—	3/
South Star	—	51/
Brilliant St. George, pd.	—	33/
Clark's Brilliant Worcester, &c.	6/3	8/
Columbia Smithfield	19/3	21/
Kelly's Queen Block	13/	—
Ditto, con.	10/9	12/
Mt. Morgan	71/	72/6
No. 1 North Smithfield	—	10/6
Victoria G. M. Association	8/1	8/6
Associated	55/	56/
Block 45	27/6	28/6
Brown Hill Junction	11/	12/
Brown Hill No. 1 South	—	1/9
Croesus Extended	1/8	1/9
Fortune of War	—	2/6
General Gordon, con.	11/4½	11/9
Golden Zone	3/6	4/3
Ditto, con.	2/6	—
Great Boulder	£7	£8
H'nan's Pride of the Valley	1/2	1/3
Ivanhoe	10 10/	10/13
Ditto South Extended	4/11	5/3
Ivanhoe Junction	—	2/6
Kalgoorlie Bank of Eng.	55/	56/
Lady Sherry, paid	—	5/2
Princess Margaret	13/7½	14/3
Queensland Menzies, pd	27/6	27/10
Queen Margaret	49/6	51/6
Ditto South	13/9	—
Ditto No. 1 South	6/3	6/4
Slug Hill Consols, paid	—	1/6

The following sales were reported:—Morning—Silver: British Broken Hill, old, 15s 3d. Gold: Hannan's Pride of the Valley, 1s 3d; Queen Margaret No. 1 South, 6s 5d. Noon—Coal: Hetton, 55s; Wickham and Bullock Island, 8s 3d. Silver: British Broken Hill, old 15s 6d; B. H. South, paid up, 16s 6d, 16s 9d; Curtain and Davis, 14s 3d; Hercules, 16s. Gold: Associated Gold Mines, 55s; Hannan's Pride of the Valley, 1s 4d; Hannan's Reward North, 2s 9d; Queen Margaret No. 1 South, 6s 5d, 6s 2d, 6s 3d. Afternoon—Silver: North Broken, 11s 10½d, 12s, 11s 10½d; B.H. South, paid up, 16s. Gold: Sunlight, 9s 3d; Block 45, 28s; General Gordon, contributing, 11s 4½d; Hannan's Pride of the Valley, 1s 3d; Kalgoorlie Bank of England (at one month), 56s 3d, 56s 6d; Queensland Menzies, paid up, 27s 10d; Queen Margaret No 1 South, 6s 4½d, 6s 4d.

The following sales were reported after the last meeting of the Sydney Stock Exchange:—Silver: North Broken, 12s, 12s 1½d, 12s. Gold: Hannan's Pride of the Valley, 1s 3d; Kalgoorlie Bank of England, 55s 3d; Queensland Menzies, paid up, 27s 6d, 27s 3d; Queen Margaret No. 1 South, 6s 3d.

An advertisement appears elsewhere inviting tenders up to March the 31st for 10,000 contributing shares of £1 each, paid to 13s 10d, in the Raub Australian Gold-mining Company, Limited.

NEW PINNACLE GROUP S.M. COMPANY.

Mr. John Gainford reports the formation of the New Pinnacle Group S.M. Company, No Liability, with a capital of £50,000, to take over and work the mines lately owned by the Pinnacle Group S.M. Company, Limited. For 10 years past these mines have been let on tribute, but the leases having expired the new company has been formed to purchase the property and carry on developments in a vigorous manner. At present the number of men employed is only 16, sufficient to fill the labour conditions, but with that staff the mine has been unwatered, and the manager reports that for the week ending the 23rd of January he has raised some 40 tons of high-grade ore from the 50ft. level and No. 3 level stopes. Both stopes are looking well. Further developments and other work will be continued on a much larger scale very shortly.

FALKNER'S G. M. COMPANY.

The eleventh half-yearly general meeting of the shareholders of Falkner's Gold-mining Company, Limited, was held yesterday afternoon at the company's office, Mr. W. C. Willis, chairman of the board of directors, presiding. The directors' report and balance-sheet were adopted. The report stated that continuous work had been carried on during the half-year in extending the drives and stopes, from which payable ore had been won. Fifty-one tons of ore had been sold locally, realising net £884 4s 2d. One hundred and thirty-two tons of ore and 66 tons of tailings, treated at Pambula, yielded gross £198 5s 8d, but the cost of treatment was £216 16s, showing a loss of £18 10s 4d. Negotiations were in course of completion for the purchase of the Great Victory mine, Pambula.

BROKEN HILL MINING RETURNS.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The district mining returns for the past year disclose that 5711 men were employed in mining purposes. The following minerals were sold and exported during the 12 months:—Gold: 4389oz., of the value of £17,117. Silver: Roasted sulphides, 132 tons, value £99,811; 1652 tons of matte, value £32,503; 18,987 tons silver-lead bullion, value £870,522. Copper: In matte, 543 tons, value £27,693. Copper in sulphide of silver: 27 tons, value £1377. All the above figures refer to the Proprietary mine. Silver ore, &c.: Concentrates, 372,148 tons, value £1,961,521. This was from all the mines. The amounts are gross, and the value that of the contained metal. The Tarrawingee flux quarries yielded 88,924 tons of flux, of the value of £54,621. The revenue of the Mining Registrar's office was £2693.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The Share market was rather dull to-day, and there was only moderate business. Sales: Broken Hill Proprietary, 52s 6d; British, old, 15s 6d; Junction North, 31s 6d; Junction Consolidated, 2s; North Broken, 12s 3d, 12s, 12s 4½d, 12s 3d; Bonanza, 10d; Silver Hill Junction, 1s 1d; Yuba, 2s 1½d, 2s 2½d, 2s 1d, 2s 1½d; Baker's Creek, buyer 6s 8d, seller 6s 11d; Eleanora, buyer 9s 1d, seller 9s 6d; Associated Gold Mines, 57s, 56s 6d, 56s 9d, 54s 9d, 55s, 54s 6d, 54s 9d; Block 45, 29s 9d, 28s 3d; Bonnie Charlie, 2s 7d, 2s 5d, 2s 9d, 2s 6d; ditto Extended, 7d, 7½d; Boulder Central Extended, 1s 11d; Brown Hill Junction, 11s 3d; Brown Hill Central, 2s 10d, 2s 9d; Croesus Proprietary, 3s 9d; Croesus Extended, 1s 7d, 1s 9d; General Gordon North, paid, 4s 3d; ditto, contributing, 1s 9d; Golden Zone, contributing, 2s 6d; Great Boulder, £7 13s, £7 11s; ditto Junction No. 1, 23s, 21s; Boulder Perseverance, 87s 6d; Hannan's Central Extended, 2s 10½d. Hannan's Junction, 8d; Hannan's Reward North, contributing, 2s 11d, 2s 10d; Hannan's United, 1½d, 1d; Ivanhoe, £10 9s 6d, £10 12s, £10 12s 6d, £10 10s; ditto South Extended, 5s; Kalgoorlie Bank of England, 54s, 54s 6d, 53s; Kalgurlie, 40s, 39s 6d; Lady Elizabeth, contributing, 5½d; Lady Sherry East, paid, 7d; Lake View South, paid, 32s, 31s 6d; Maggie Moore, 6d; M'Pherson's Reward, 2s 6d; Premier, 13s; Queen Margaret, 51s 6d; ditto No. 1 South, 6s 5d, 6s 2d, 6s 3d, 6s 1d, 6s 2d; ditto South, 13s 6d, 12s 1½d; Railway, contributing, 5s 6d, 5s 3d; Ready Money, 5½d; Royal Mint South, paid, 1s 10d; ditto, contributing, 11d; Sing Hill, paid, 2s 11d, 2s 10d; Trafalgar, 8d.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

To-day's Queensland Exchange sales were:—M'Clay's Welcome, contributing, 1s 5½d; Kalgoorlie Glenorchy, paid, 6½d; Wilmot Extended, 5s 3d, 5s 1d; Queensland Coolgardie, paid, 2½d; No. 1 South Great Eastern, 1s 1d, 1s 0½d, 1s; Queensland Norseman, paid, 6½d.

Brisbane Exchange sales:—No. 2 North Great New Zealand, 3½d; Wilmot Extended, 5s 3d.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Wednesday.

To-day's sales were:—Kelly's Queen Block, 11s 6d; Millican's Caledonia, 10d; No. 2 South-east Day Dawn, 4½d; Day Dawn No. 5 West, 1s; Queen Central, 2s 8d; Victoria and Caledonia Block, 4s 8d; Victoria G. M. Association, 8s 4d.

The January yield of the field from 17,400 tons of stone amounted to 18,760oz., or an increase over that for January last year of 1800oz.

GYMPIE, Wednesday.

Mr. Thomas Smith reports:—No. 4 North Phoenix crushed 373 tons of stone for a yield of 1160oz. gold. Sales:—Columbia and Smithfield, 19s 6d; Great New Zealand, 11½d; Jones Caledonian, 6½d; Lady Mary No. 7 South, 1s 3d; Phoenix No. 4 North, 34s 5d, 34s 6d; Smithfield No. 1 North, 9s 6d. To-night's quotations:—New Zealand Junction, seller 2s 1d, buyer 1s 10d; Phoenix No. 3 North, seller 4s, buyer 3s 5d; Phoenix No. 5 North, seller 1s 4½d, buyer 1s 2d; Smithfield and Golden, seller 7s 6d, buyer 7s 4d; Wilmot, extended, seller 5s 5d, buyer 4s 10d.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

There was a good extent of business to-day in silver companies, and for nearly all better prices ruled. North Broken were most dealt in, many thousands of shares changing hands. There was also good support for Curtis and Davis, and Mount Lyell at further advanced prices. Rather a dull market on the whole for Western Australian gold companies, lower prices ruling generally in the business done. Victorian gold companies had less than the usual average business. Sales: Block 10, 80s; Block 14, 28s 6d; B. H. Proprietary, 51s 6d, 52s; B. H. South, paid, 16s; ditto, contributing, 14s; Junction, 54s; Junction North, 31s; North Broken, 11s 9d, 12s 1½d; Mount Lyell, £8 19s; South Mount Lyell, 13s 9d; Curtin and Davis, 13s 6d, 14s 6d, 14s 3d; Brown Hill Junction, 11s 6d, 12s; Gold Arrow, 7s; Ivanhoe, £11, £10 10s; Princess Margaret, 14s; Queen Margaret, 51s 6d, 50s; Queen Margaret No. 1 South, 6s 4d, 6s 2d; Tindal's, 4s 3d; Associated Gold Mines, 55s, 56s 6d, 55s; Berry Consols, 64s, 65s; Berry Consols Extended, 61s; Sebastopol Plateau No. 1, 12s 9d; South Star, 50s; Spring Hill Central, 26s, 26s 6d; Star of the East, [illegible]; Chalk's No. 1, 16s 6d; Great Northern Consols, [illegible] 6d; Great Southern Chiltern Valley, 11s 10½d; Great Southern Consols, 8s 6d; North Prentice, [illegible] 6d, 38s; Unicorn, 5s; Hope, 20s; Long Tunnel, £107; Long Tunnel Extended, £23 10s, £23 [illegible]; Long Tunnel North, 28s, 30s; M'Caul's Reward, [illegible] 9d, 17s 11d; Victor's Quartz, 5s 9d, 6s; New Chum, St. Arnaud, 1s 3d; Ophir, paid, 1s [illegible], 1s 11d; Russell's Reef, 1s 3d; Fenly's Reward, paid, 1s 3d, 1s 4d. North Prentice Extended, 1s 1d, 1s [illegible].

KALGOORLIE, Tuesday.

The North Boulder output for the past fortnight was 326oz. of smelted gold from 160 tons. The stone was taken from the full width of the [illegible] lode at a depth of 90ft. The Boulder Main Reef blanketings, consisting of 5 tons, are worth [illegible] per ton. With the contents of the tailings the gold recovered from the stone is worth about [illegible]. The tailings contained 1oz. 3dwt. per ton. The Croesus Company despatched ore to Dry Creek. The Great Boulder Proprietary has finished timbering the shaft, and has sunk the sump and started crosscutting for the lode at the 300ft. It will be some weeks before the lode can be cut. Telluride samples, said to have been sent in from 160 miles distant, assay 5oz. of gold to the ton. Splendid telluride ore is still being raised from the winze below 100ft. in the Kalgurlie, Limited. A big pile of this ore is at grass. Some thousands of tons of good oxidised ore are also at grass awaiting shipment.

NORSEMAN, Tuesday.

A crowded meeting last night, called by the men who refused work on the St. Agnes mines, pledged itself to support the workers. The Manager of the West Australian Goldfields, Limited, to-day applied for protection for the week. The acting warden granted three days pending the decision of the Minister for Mines. The manager of Mawson's Reward Claim, Limited, an English property, to-day brought two pieces of very rich quartz in from the drive at the 45ft. level.

PERTH, Tuesday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Bonnie Charlie, 2s 11d; Fortune of War, 3s; Great Oversight, contributing, 2s 5d; Lady Sherry, contributing, 3s [illegible]; Menzies Kensington, contributing, 3s 9d; Queen Margaret No. 1 South, 6s 10d; Queensland Menzies, paid, 28s 6d.

TENTERFIELD, Wednesday.

Yesterday Messrs. Hancock, Tubman, and M'Cabe arrived in town from Drake with [illegible] of gold, which was obtained from the Nil Desperandum mine in a fortnight. The approximate value of the gold is about £350.

WILCANNIA, Wednesday.

Reports from the Mount Browne district state that since the late rain there has been renewed activity in mining matters. Fifteen tons of stone, taken from Dickson, Dawes, and Kinsley's lease at the Warratta East mine, crushed by the public battery at Warratta, yielded 27dwt. of gold to the ton. Rock and party crushed about 3½ tons from No. 1 North [illegible] for 10oz. So little was thought of this stone by those in charge that it lay at grass for several weeks before being taken to the battery. Good quartz is being raised from House's Reward claim at Little Bendigo. It is intended to crush 25 or 30 tons as soon as the battery is ready to receive it. Forrest and party crushed 6 tons from Evans' Gully for a return of 11oz. of gold to the ton.

YIELDS.

GOLD.

Rock and party, Warratta, 3½ tons, 10oz.

Dickson, Dawes, and Kinsley, Warratta East, 15 tons, 20oz. 5dwt.

Fraser's South Gold-mining Company, Southern Cross, 292 tons, 155oz.

Forrest and party, Mount Browne, 6 tons, 6oz.

Great Boulder Proprietary, Kalgoorlie, 720 tons, [illegible]

No. 4 North Phoenix, Gympie, 373 tons, 1160oz.

North Boulder Company, Kalgoorlie, 160 tons, 326oz.

Nil Desperandum Mine, Drake, 90oz.

Tilden's Proprietary, Cullinga, 172 tons, [illegible]

The Victoria Gold-mining Association, Charters Towers, 280 tons, 590oz.

THE WEATHER.

THE COUNTRY DRIED UP.

No sign of rain was the frequent remark yesterday as the news came through from the country, and city people were content to perspire, only wishing that the sky would become thick over the colony and, breaking into copious rain, fill the tanks and swell the streams on to thousands of homesteads whose stocks and lands are suffering so much. A message from Wilcannia to the Observatory says:—"Last night was a most distressing, sleepless time to the community generally. The weather since yesterday evening was dry, calm, and oppressive in the extreme; living in houses was intolerable." And so it was in many parts of the West, the North, and Central parts of the colony. The average was 100° in the shade and over, the exceptions were 90° to 100°. At Wilcannia it was 119° in the shade; Menindie, [illegible]; Marsdens, 111°; Balranald, 111°; Bourke, [illegible]; Brewarrina, 117°; Broken Hill, 114°; Cobar, [illegible]; Hillston, 113°; Hay, 112°; Carrathool, [illegible]; [illegible] at Albury, 109°; Cooma, 107°; Euston, [illegible]; [illegible] 112°; Deniliquin, 108°; Cudgellico, [illegible]; [illegible] 112. Dubbo had 112°, and so on. Seventy stations had it over 100°; 35 from 90° to 100°. Kiandra had a temperature of 71°, and the lowest reading was 57°; while at Walcha 89° was recorded, or 63° as the lowest.

ARALUEN, Wednesday.

A slight storm occurred during the night, but only a sprinkle of rain fell. The thermometer reached 94° to-day.

BOWRAL, Wednesday.

The weather is again warm, 93° in the shade being recorded this afternoon. A thunderstorm came up from the west, and heavy showers of rain fell and cooled the atmosphere and cleared the [illegible]. More rain would be acceptable.

BOURKE, Wednesday.

The extreme heat of the past few days culminated to-night in a thunderstorm, which has to a great extent cooled the air. To-day the maximum for the heat of this summer was recorded, viz. [illegible]. A steady rain is now falling, with the appearance of continuing. The lightning is very vivid. A feeling of thankfulness prevails at the breaking up of the hot weather.

BREWARRINA, Wednesday.

For the past fortnight the weather has been abnormally hot, and similar to that experienced during the heat wave of last year. There has already been an exodus of women and children for the cooler climates. The thermometer for the past five days registered 111°, 114°, 112°, 117°, and to-day up to 117° in the shade. The nights also are most oppressive, and a change is eagerly looked for.

THE WARRNAMBOOL CHESS CONGRESS.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA.

WON BY MR. W. CRANE, JUN.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

WARRNAMBOOL, Wednesday.

The seventh and final round in the Major Tourney was played to-day, and so far as the championship is concerned the congress is over, for Crane secured the title by defeating Stanley.

Board 1.—Crane v. Stanley (Ruy Lopez): The Victorian adopted the Pillsbury defence, P. K B 3. Crane, however, varied his tactics of Monday last against Heaver, and continued as Lasker did against Pillsbury at Hastings, by doubling Q B P, with a view to end the game. Stanley spent far too much time over the 10th and 15th moves, using [illegible] minutes for the first 15 moves. Crane complicated the position, so that although Stanley's last [illegible] moves were made at sight, the result was he exceeded the limit by three minutes, besides being two moves in arrears.

Board 2.—Hodgson v. Tombleson (Ruy Lopez): Black defended Charousek's variation with skill and care. The outcome of complicated positions was that each of the players was left with rook and six pawns. But White occupied the only open file, and Black's centre pawn was isolated. By highly creditable strategy, White carried the day against his much-improved antagonist.

Board 3.—Heaver v. Baynes (Bird's P—KB 4): White obtained a decided advantage in the middle game. Playing with over-confidence, and devoting too much attention to the Crane-Stanley game, led to his downfall.

Christensen, a bye.

We publish the deciding game of the championship match. It may be urged that to win by one's opponent exceeding the time limit is unsatisfactory. To this it may be replied that one of the conditions of a trial of strength can hardly be considered more stringent than another. And the player who, by his depth of play, places his adversary in a quandary is entitled to the same advantage as is reaped by a commander in real warfare who outmanoeuvres or outmarches his enemy. It must be a matter of congratulation to New South Wales players that the championship has been brought back to Sydney by one who is as competent to retain the honour as Mr. Crane.

Yesterday Mr. Harrison, of Adelaide, and to-day Mr. Esling, of Melbourne, visited the congress. Mr. Crane has made himself well liked, and his win is popular.

Minor Tourney.—The position to date is—Allan and Tombleson leading, with 5-1, and Connor next, with 3-1. The citizens of Warrnambool are giving a picnic to-morrow to the chess players.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

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The Olga is on Mort's Slip cleaning and painting.

The Captain Cook steamer (collier), came off Woolwich Dock yesterday.

The Alice Templeton is in Ward's Dock for extensive repairs.

The steamers Manly and Billie Barlow are in the Jubilee for overhaul.

MAIL STEAMERS.

The Prinz-Regent Luitpold, from Bremen, is due here on next Sunday.

The Barbarossa has left Suez for Australian ports.

The Armand Behic, from Marseilles, is due here to-morrow.

The R.M.S. Miowera, in the Canadian-Australian line, is due here to-day.

CHARTERS.

The Lake Ontario is fixed Newcastle to Manila, and the Glencairn Newcastle to West Coast, through Mr. A. Thompson; agency, Messrs. C. F. Stokes and Co., Newcastle.

The Moonta loads Port Macquarie to Townsville.

The Fiado has arrived yesterday at Napier, with coal. She returns with timber to Messrs. Nelson and Robertson.

Havana Tobacco: Summer Evenings.—The real perfume of Havana in Dixson's Bonanza Cigars. 4 Bonanza Cigars in packet, 6d.—[ADVT.]

The Most Perfect of all Summer Beverages, Malthoid Water and Whisky.—[ADVT.]

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Wednesday evening.

The day's business in the Stock and Share market was much about the same as usual, with no prominent feature. Government securities continue steady at late quotations. Bank of New South Wales were rather stronger, Commercial of Sydney selling at a reduction of ¼. There was more inquiry for Australian Joint Stock Bank deposits, other bank deposits remaining as before. Steam shares continued steady. In insurance, Mercantile Mutual were quitted at a slight advance ex div. Nothing was done in gaslight. Tooth's and Marshall's breweries brought previous prices; a sale of South Australian was made at 13s. Perkins inquired for at 20s 6d, and Castlemaine and Wood Brothers weaker, with seller at 17s 4½d. Miscellaneous companies' shares were unaltered, the only sale transpiring being Fresh Food and Ice, ex rights, at 20s.

On the Sydney Stock Exchange the following sales were reported:—At 1 o'clock: Commercial Bank of Sydney, 24½; Bank of New South Wales, 35; Mercantile Mutual, 8s; Marshall's Brewery, 4s 6d; Tooth's, 22s; South Australian, 13s; Fresh Food and Ice, ex rights, 20s. At 4 o'clock: Commercial Bank of Sydney, 24¼. The closing quotations were:—

*Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.
N.S.W. Funded	£	£	£	p.c.			
Stock Act 1890	2,298,010	...	...	4	112	112	—
Ditto Act 1873	530,180	...	...	4	112	114	—
Ditto Deb., 1909	290,300	...	...	5	109	109½	—
Ditto Deb., 1901		...	...	...	108¾	...	—
N.S. Deb., 1913	300,000	...	...	4	103½	...	...
Colonial Sugar –							
Deb., 1914	—	...	...	5	102½	...	—
Deb., 1899	—	...	...	5½	104	...	...
Deb., 1898	...	...		5½	102½	...	—
BANKS.							
Australasia	1,600,000	40	40	5	...	...	...
Australian J. S.	1,156,525	10	7½	...	15/	11	15/
City	240,000	10	8	4	83/	83/	85/
New Issue	180,000	10	8	4	77/6	72/6	77/6
Com. of Aus. pref.	2,115,560	10	10	...	...	...	...
Com. of Syd.	1,000,000	25	12½	8	24½	24½	24¾
N. S. Wales	1,943,940	20	20	9	35	35	...
Q'land National	926,782	9	6	...	...	...	...
Union x d	1,500,000	75	25	5	25	24½	25¼
DEPOSITS.							
A.J.S. Bank, Negotiable	4,985,244	...	...	...	14/	12/	13/
Ditto, Inscribed	391,141	...	...	...	12/	...	12
Com. of Aus. A series, 1898	5,525,065	...	...	...	15/7	16/3	...
Ditto assets	...	...	...	...	...	...	15/6
E.S. & A. series	...	...	...	...	15/	14/4½	...
Ditto, Term'ble	517,000	...	...	...	19/	18/1½	...
Ditto, Debentrs	1,017,748	...	...	...	17/4½	17/	...
Insc. pref.	1,130,000	...	...	...	12/3	15/	...
Ditto, def.	1,000,000	...	...	...	...	11/	...
Nat. of Aust.	3,265,633	...	...	...	19/7	...	...
Q'land National	6,013,000	...	...	...	15/	10	14/
STEAM.							
Illawarra	58,996	5	5½	8½	5½	5¼	—
N. and H. R.	100,000	1	1	6	18	18/	—
North Coast	121,743	1	17/6	6	15	15/	—
N. S. Ferry	60,000	1	1	10	41/6	41/6	—
Port Jackson	54,640	5	60/	...	5/	...	6/6
INSURANCE.							
A.M. Fire	25,000	1	5/	23	18/3	18/	...
City M. Fire	15,000	1	2/	10	...	7/8	...
Mer. Mut.	26,250	1	3/6	21¼	8/	8	8/3
New Zealand	200,000	10	2	12½	70/6	...	72/
United	62,500	10	2½	12½	83/	80/	85/
Ditto New	5,725	10	12/6	12½	18/6	17/6	21/
GAS.							
Australian	681,798	6	6	9/	16	15¾	15¾
City Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	47/	40/	47/
Grafton	8,000	1	1	8	23/9	23/	25/
Manly	15,000	1	1	7	23/6	...	24/
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	6	19/9	18/	20/
Newcastle	25,127	2	2	12½	96/	...	...
North Shore, x d	86,328	1	1	6	24/	23/	...
Ditto, New	...	...	10/	6	...	...	...
BREWERIES.							
Australian	96,000	1	1	5	15/	14/6	16/
Castlemaine and Wood Bros.	250,000	1	1	5	17/9	...	17/4½
Marshall's	51,250	10	5	6	4/6	4/4	4/8
Perkins'	58,333	15/	15/	10	20/8	20/6	...
Tooth's	900,000	1	1	7	22/	21/9	22/
MISCELLANEOUS.							
Aarons'	17,500	15/	10/	5	4/	...	4/
B.H.W. Sup.	183,500	1	1	10	15/3	14/6	...
Burns, Philp	250,000	1	1	7½	24/6	...	25/
Ditto	17,500	1	5/	7½	...	...	...
Col. Sugar	1,702,000	20	20	10	26½	26½	27
Dalgety Co.	1,000,000	20	5	8	...	26/	...
Eagle Tobacco	71,500	15/	15/	...	5/5	5/3	5/6
Emu Gravel	34,000	1	1	2½	4/6	3/9	...
Fresh F'd & Ice	108,000	1	18/	10	20/*	...	...
Harrison, Jones, and Devlin	50,000	1	1	8	22/6	...	...
Ditto	50,000	1	10/	8	10/6	...	...
Mch. Tramway	480,000	1	10/	5	...	...	...
Mont de Piété	73,392	1	1	10	35/	31/6	33/
Perm. Trustee	25,000	5	2/6	4	1/11	1/11	2/
Perp. Trustee	25,000	10	5/	6	7/6	6/9	8/
Mort's Dock	150,000	1	1	6	—	9/	...
Richardson and Wrench	60,000	1	1	4	8/1½	7/6	8/6
Shale and Oil	75,000	1	15/	8½	7/	5/6	6/3
Silv. Tram	187,806	1	1	30	91/6	91/6	93/6
Syd. Exchange	30,000	10	10	7	14¼	14½	—
Syd. Hydraulic	75,000	1	10/	7½	20/3	20/	—
Vic. Land Orders	—	...	...	...	125	...	—
Lan. & Bruce	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mercantile Dep.	—	...	...	...	13/	—	—
Industrial Prov.	...	...	...	6	15¼	...	—
International	51,713	20/	15/	10	10/	...	10/6
Sydney Freehold	...	...	...	...	...	...	10/6

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We are informed that the directors of the Australian Joint Stock Bank, Limited, obtained to-day very assuring cable advice from the chairman, the Hon. W. A. Long, the purport of which is that during the past two days he has met in London the joint committee representing the British depositors, and the negotiations are proceeding quite satisfactorily. It is expected that the full report of the result will be given within the next two weeks. We are further informed that the advices also convey that an exhaustive inquiry into the affairs of the bank has been independently made by the committees in London, Edinburgh, and Glasgow, and that the conclusions arrived at from such an investigation by these very competent authorities are sure to exercise an important influence on the meetings of depositors. The news thus furnished to us is very gratifying. The large reduction of liabilities by the bank since its reconstruction in 1893 warrants considerate treatment, which seems likely to be shown to the institution, and to re-establish it on conditions more in harmony with the altered state of the money markets in New South Wales and Queensland.

Indian banks, notwithstanding famines and currency strains, can still manage to earn large profits. For instance, the profits of the Bank of Bombay in the last half of 1896, amounted to 974,464r., say £61,000, of which about £38,000 was distributed as a dividend and bonus at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum, the balance going to reserves and pension fund. The Bank of Madras also declared a dividend for the half-year at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, and made additions to reserves. The discount rate for money in Calcutta on 5th January was 10 per cent.

But a moderate measure of success has attended the first issue of mortgage bonds under the credit foncier provisions of the Victorian Act. The issue was made by the Commissioners of Savings Banks. The sum of £25,000 was the limit. To prevent failure the Commissioners themselves put in a tender for the full amount. The public tendered for £21,625, including £16,000 from the Trustees, Executors, and Agency Company, and £1200 from the Union Trustee Company. The average result is £100 1s 11d per cent—the total premium being £24 2s 6. Borrowed at 3 per cent. on the security of the Government of Victoria, £25,000 will thus be available for the settlers of the colony at 4½ per cent. Since the full amount of £25,000 was not subscribed, at a time when money is exceptionally abundant and cheap, it seems doubtful whether there will be any large subscription for making loans at anything below the market rate, even under Government authorisation and security. How the fund is to be administered and its results will be watched with general interest.

The over-supply of preserved meat in the English market has prejudicially affected the balance-sheet of the Sydney Meat-preserving Company presented at its half-yearly meeting to-day. The credit balance at the end of July, 1896, was £39,679; the receipts amounted to £215,489. The expenditure was £217,917, leaving the balance at credit on 31st December £37,251. During the half-year the company had relieved the Homebush Yards of 474,760 sheep and 3439 cattle, the total purchases for 1896 aggregating 811,311 sheep. It appeared that not only had preserved meats been largely over-supplied, but the additional depression caused by shipments of Australian meats of very inferior quality was unabated. The report mentioned one sale of 500 cases beef at 30s per ton! The first-class reputation which the company's brand had enjoyed from its earliest appearance in the market had been well maintained, and its sales had been as extensive as could have been reasonably expected, and at as high prices as could be obtained in the overstocked market. The value of tallow remained very low, consequent upon heavy stocks in London. The report and balance-sheet were adopted, and a vote of thanks was passed to the directors and staff of the company.

The tenor of London messages regarding the progress of the present series of sales continues favourable to growers. Competition is said to be animated and the tone firm. A cablegram received by the Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company, Limited, reads as follows:—"The present series of sales continues to be very animated, and the tone is very firm. Prices are rather higher for the bulk of merino wools; good scoured and scoureds are quoted ½d higher. Prices realised are good all round, and there is a brisk demand for blue wools from Victoria." According to a message received by Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited, the market was strong, and, further, "the prices of tops on the Continent and at home have slightly advanced," which is a new and satisfactory feature of the situation. The messages state that the third series of sales is fixed for the 24th May, the fourth series for the 6th July, and the fifth series on the 28th September, the quantity limited in each case as follows, the limits for the corresponding series of 1896 comparing as follows:—

		1896. Bales.		1897. Bales.
Second series	...	206,000	—	263,000
Third series	...	325,000	...	350,000
Fourth series	...	375,000	...	300,000
Fifth series	...	313,000	...	Unlimited.

At the wool sales in Sydney to-day competition was extremely brisk up to certain limits, which, on the whole, represented prices as high as have been paid this year. Out of 5162 bales offered, 3715 were sold publicly, and 1697 privately, the sales of 844 bales of uncatalogued wool also being included in the report of actual business done, which aggregated 6256 bales.

The imports into Sydney for the week ended 30th January amounted to £303,653, against £233,701 in the corresponding week of 1896; the exports were £353,406, against £248,664 in 1896. Since the beginning of the year the trade has been as follows:—

IMPORTS.

	1896.	1897.	Increase or Decrease.
Merchandise	£1,264,570	£1,389,683	Inc. £125,113
Gold	279,427	130,292	Dec. 149,135
Total	£1,543,997	£1,519,975	Dec. £24,022
EXPORTS.			
Merchandise	£1,375,999	£1,741,030	Inc. £365,031
Gold	29,076	101,915	Inc. 72,839
Total	£1,405,075	£1,842,945	Inc. £437,870

An increase of £125,113 in the import trade of the month is apparent, which is mainly accounted for by larger shipments of wheat and flour, beer, drugs, and chemicals, earthenware, stationery, and books. The exports of merchandise show a substantial increase of £365,031, of which wool accounts for £184,360, butter £44,059, copper, tin, produce, flour, sugar, and articles of imported merchandise generally showing larger figures. The return in fact generally points to an extension of the large transhipment trade which Sydney has been enabled to transact since the introduction of a freetrade tariff.

Mr. A. W. Farquhar, for many years accident superintendent of the Queensland Mutual Insurance Company, has accepted a similar position with the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Limited.

IMPORT MARKET.

A heavy country mail was received this morning, the distribution of merchandise being carried out on a large scale. Wholesale business, however, was relatively scarcely so buoyant. The breadstuffs market is experiencing somewhat of a lull, but it is expected that more business will shortly be done with the Pacific Slope for March shipment. In the meantime the Associated Millers' figures are the basis on which business is being transacted, although in the case of flour some holders ask a higher figure. Sugar met with a good inquiry at current rates. Tea moved off rather quietly at auction, bids received for Chinas not being up to vendors' ideas. A fair quantity of Ceylons, however, was placed at sustained rates. Fish of all sorts, and sardines in particular, were in firm request. Dried fruits moved off slowly. Liquors changed hands in fair parcels at current rates. Somewhat more activity was noticed in jute goods, both branbags and cornsacks meeting with considerable attention. There were inquiries for heavy parcels of woolpacks. Fencing wire moved off in good quantities, as also did cast-iron pipes for forward delivery. Oils, including kerosene, had moderate attention only. In chemicals there was no great display of activity.

Breadstuffs.—This market continued rather quiet without actual change. Flour remains at £12 10s to £13. More wheat is going forward to Queensland at full prices. Receipts of wheat by rail were not so great as during the previous week. The actual figures compare as follows:—

—	Wheat.	Flour.
	Tons.	Tons.
Week ended February 2 ...	1913	177
Previous week	3041	321
Corresponding week in 1896	770	298

The appended table gives a comparison of the receipts of flour and wheat by rail for the first five weeks of the years enumerated:—

—	Wheat.	Flour.
	Tons.	Tons.
First five weeks in 1893	6,143	1837
First five weeks in 1894	5,900	1788
First five weeks in 1895	6,467	1770
First five weeks in 1896	3,658	1633
First five weeks in 1897	12,390	1196

It will thus be seen that the receipts of wheat so far this year have been nearly double those of the same period of any of the previous years given. Messrs. J. Darling and Son write from Adelaide on 1st instant regarding the South Australian market:—

Wheat.—The market is quiet, and the amount of business passing with our Port Adelaide millers, is limited, as for the moment they appear to be fully stocked, and have no particular desire to increase their holdings. Values have slightly eased, and may be now quoted as 5s 7d to 5s 7½d at Port Adelaide. Deliveries up country are generally on a very limited scale now, so much so that local millers have very great difficulty in getting sufficient supplies to meet their immediate requirements, and prices are therefore relatively higher at those places than at Port Adelaide. The Victorian market has been quiet during the past week, but there is a feeling that the present quietness is only a prelude to an advance shortly, as stocks are being worked down, and not replenished, the offerings being very small, and holders generally do not show the slightest disposition to quit at present rates. A steady business has been done on the basis of 5s 8½d to 5s 9d Melbourne, and relatively higher prices at up-country stations. The supplies generally are now on a very small scale, and from appearances it would look as though the deliveries will practically be over from first hands by the middle of February, and then the supplies will be drawn from farmers' stocks in store or the trade. In Riverina deliveries continue on a free scale, and the offerings show a disposition on the part of farmers to sell freely at what they consider remunerative rates. The trade, however, are also buying eagerly, and do not seem in any way disposed for to place a check upon their operations.

Flour.—There is an ordinary trade demand passing at from £13 10s for ordinary to £14 for best patent roller, delivered in Adelaide.

The American visible supply continues to rapidly decrease. According to our cable message to-day it now stands at 68,100,000 bushels, or a shrinkage of 1,900,000 bushels during the week. At the same date last year it was estimated at 97,600,000 bushels, and in 1895 at 105,300,000 bushels.

Sugar.—Steady sales were noted of Mauritius at up to £20 10s in 2cwt. bags. Ripple Creek, Sharon, and Waterview second whites had some inquiry at £20 10s, at which figure some sales were made to arrive.

Tea.—Business to-day was confined to the auction room, but even there no great buoyancy characterised the market. Up to a point competition was fair for Chinas, but as bids did not come up to vendors' ideas the whole catalogue was withdrawn. Messrs. Fraser, Uther, and Co., however, succeeded in placing 250 packages of Messrs. Parbury, Henty, and Co.'s catalogue of Ceylons at 5½d to 6d for pekoe souchongs, 6d for pekoes, and up to 10½d for broken pekoes; 15 chests of Indian pekoes were also disposed of at 7d. Subsequently about 230 packages of Chinas were cleared at vendors' ideas, which were above auction bids.

Regarding the Indian market Messrs. Davenport and Co. wrote on 7th January that closing invoices from Cachar and Sylhet will be late this year owing to the low state of the feeder rivers and the resultant delay in moving supplies forward. With the exception of these two all districts were sending forward cold-weather teas, Dooars and Terais being very red and stalky and poor in the cup, but some of the Assams and Darjeelings were of attractive quality. Cachars and Sylhets were more or less plain, but up to the expected standard. There was no really fine tea in the market. The New Guinea, which left on 31st December, has 187,885lb. of tea for Sydney and 139,245lb. for Melbourne.

Groceries.—Somewhat more wholesale business transpired in this department. 400 boxes of D.R.O. candles moved off at 5d. Fifty cases of Trefavenne half-sardines at 5s, and another line of 50 on private terms. Fifty cases of Marshall's ling sold at 3½d; 50 cases of Scroll salmon moved off at 6s. Salt herrings in 56lb. barrels went slowly at 16s 6d. Moir's fresh herrings remained at 3s 9d; Smith's, 3s 4½d; Edward's, 3s 4½d; and Maconochie's, 3s 6d; kippered ditto, Moir's 5s 7½d, and Maconochie's 5s 6d. Kensett's oysters moved off at 3s 9d.

Dried Fruits.—Elemes were well held for 6½d; Sultanas, 5½d to 5¾d; and currants 3¾d, with a slight concession for a line.

Liquors.—Not much change can be reported. Good trade sales were noted of Gilbey's dry gin and Silverstream schnapps both of which lines were in somewhat short supply. Robertson's, Williams's, D.C.L., and Gaelic whisky changed hands steadily at current rates. Allsopp's ale, Burke's and Blood Wolfe stout had some attention. 100 cases of Jeffrey's quart ale sold at 6s 9d. Pommery champagne was also inquired for.

Hardware.—25 tons each of Nos. 8 and 10 fencing wire to arrive ex Prinz Regent Luitpold and Essen were taken at £8 7s 6d and £8 17s 6d respectively. Seventy tons of 3in. Spigot and Faucet pipes to arrive ex Landley moved off on Melbourne account at up to £6 10s. Some holders ask higher prices. On spot stocks were small and well held. Small lots of Iowa barbed wire changed hands at £11 15s. Twenty-five bales of kapok moved off on private terms.

Jute Goods.—30 bales of branbags to arrive ex New Guinea sold at 3s 5½d. The cheap parcels of cornsacks having now been taken up holders ask to 5d for fair parcels.

Oils.—Kerosene remained at 9¼d to 9½d in bond, China at 2s 8d, and castor at 3s 3d, with only moderate inquiry.

Chemicals.—One ton of cream of tartar sold at 11½d; five tons bicarbonate of soda, £9 7s 6d; one ton borax, £26; 10 tons rosin, £6 10s; five tons of alum and 10 tons of caustic soda at quotations.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £5882. The principal items were:—

Spirits, £2602; wine, £86; ale, porter, and beer, £26; tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £650; sugar and molasses, £1218; dried and candied fruits, £174; candles, £37; oil, kerosene, £107; oils, other, £29; harbour and light rates, £20; pilotage, £40; harbour dues, £10; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £500; excise on beer, £367. Total, £5882.

EXPORT MARKET.

Butter Exportation.—Without exactly causing disquietude, it is recognised that should the excessive heat now being experienced in many of the dairying districts be of any considerable duration supplies will fall off, and the season gradually draw to a close. At present the supplies of butter coming forward are described as phenomenal for this time of the year. Large quantities of butter are being sold on f.o.b. terms, and this should assist in keeping up prices at the other side, as buyers have no inducement to force sales, but rather to nurse their supplies, even to the extent of storing through the English summer, and should the weather be favourable from now out it is expected that shipping will continue until the end of March or April. Altogether the outlook is considered as promising. In the meantime the demand for more refrigerators is keeping up, and the area coming under the sphere of the central factories is daily expanding, the growth of the industry in the northern rivers especially being very rapid. Whereas two years ago, when exportation was previously carried on, there were only about 20 refrigerators, there are now about 40 scattered over the western and southern dairying districts, with the effect that from only 50 per cent. of butter being manufactured under the cool process there is now 85 per cent. made under this system, and the percentage is steadily increasing.

Messrs. Denham Brothers report the receipt of the following cable from their London agents, dated the 2nd February:—

Butter prices slightly given way. Market is steadier. Cannot recommend you to ship later than the end of March. It may be necessary to store April or May shipments until next October.

Wool Receipts.—At Darling Harbour to-day 589 bales of wool were manifested. Fifty-three arrived coastwise, and 55 bales were received by rail at Newcastle yesterday.

London Frozen Meat Market.—J. H. Geddes and Co., Limited, report the receipt of the following cable:—"Beef: Fores, 3d; hinds, 3½d. Mutton, 2d. Lamb, 3¼d."

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, Feb. 2.

WHEAT AND FLOUR STATISTICS.

—		Feb. 4, 1896.	Jan. 26, 1897.	Feb. 2, 1897.
Afloat— For United Kingdom	qrs.	2,500,000	2,840,000	2,820,000
For Continent, ...	qrs.	515,000	420,000	480,000
American visible supply, ...	bshs.	97,600,000	70,000,000	68,100,000

AUSTRALASIAN DEBENTURE STOCK, SHARES, &c.

Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company 4 per cent. debenture stock at £113.*

Union Mortgage and Agency Company 4½ per cent. debenture stock, £98.

British and Australasian Trust and Loan Company 4½ per cent. debentures, unchanged at £104.

Freehold Trust of Australia 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged, at £106.

Queensland Investment and Land Mortgage Company 4 per cent. debentures at £94.

City of Sydney 4 per cent. debentures, 1912-13, ½ higher, at £107.

Dalgety and Co., Limited, shares unchanged, at 5¼; ditto 4½ per cent. irred. debentures, ½ lower at £121.

Metropolitan Gas Company of Melbourne 4½ per cent. debentures unchanged at £110.

Australian Gaslight Company of Sydney 5 per cent. debentures unchanged at £109½.

*Ex interest.

AMERICAN COMMERCIAL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.

Wheat: No. 1 shipping, 1dol. 55c. per cental. Flour: Family extra, 5dol. 10c. to 5dol. 25c.; baker's extra, 4dol. 95c. per barrel. Barley: Chevalier, nominal; fair to good feed, 85c. to 87½c. per cental. Quicksilver: 36dol. 50c. Tin: Sydney bar, 22c. per lb.; pig, 21c. Coal: Wallsend, 6dol. 50c. per ton. Hops: 6c. to 8c. for fair to choice.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.

The decline noted last month in kerosene has continued, owing chiefly to a falling-off in Oriental demand for Standard Oil Company's products. The present basis is 6·90c. for 150° test, low screw, in 1000-case lots, packed in 2-4 Imperial gallons to case; for Australasian ports, quoted 9·25c. per American gallon, or with faucet nozzle 10c. The shipments during the month were:—For Sydney, per Florence, 16,200 cases; for Melbourne, 21,300 cases; for Fremantle, per Forthbank, 22,670 cases; for Adelaide, per George S. Horner, 17,250 cases.

The ship Aspice sailed for Sydney on 24th December with 91,372 bushels wheat, 24,459 bags wheat, and 2486 sacks flour.

The cargo per Zealandia for Sydney was 6800 cases canned salmon and 7920 cases preserved fruit.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

There is no change in the prices of breadstuffs, which are as follows:—Wheat, 5s 8d to 5s 9d; flour, £13 10s to £13 15s for ordinary brand, and £14 for best roller; bran, 1s 1d; pollard, 1s 3d; oats, 2s 7d to 2s 8d (Dun). Chaff supplies are coming to hand freely. Current quotations are on the following basis:—£3 15s to £3 17s 6d per short ton without bags, and in some cases lower.

Sales.—Broken Hill Water Supply, 15s 9d.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Only a very moderate volume of business was transacted on the Stock Exchange to-day. In the investment division the market throughout was active and firm for all leading stocks. The principal sales were:—Victorian Government 4 per cent. debentures, £116; ditto (stock), £103; Commercial Bank preference shares, 72s to 72s 6d; National ditto, £10; Royal Bank, 12s; Australian Alliance, 62s; Silverton Tramway, 92s, 92s 6d; Tarrawingee Flux, 9s 6d; Melbourne Hydraulic Power, paid, 37s. Small lots of wheat are quoted nominally at 5s 7½d, but 5s 9d has been offered for a considerable parcel. The Millers' Association quote flour at £14 17s 6d to £15 delivered; bran, 1d lower at 9d delivered; pollard, 11d delivered; medium barley sold at 4s 3d; Cape barley, 3s 3½d; oats are quiet; Algerian feed, 2s to 2s 3d, milling, 2s 4d; maize, 4s 1d to 4s 1½d; peas, 3s 11d to 4s; chaff, 50s to 55s; prime potatoes, £3 15s to £4; onions, £4 10s to £5. Sultanas are scarce at up to 7d. Bicarbonate soda short supply at £9 10s. Fifty tons No. 8 fencing wire sold. 100 cases and 100 half-cases castor sold ex New Guinea.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

BALLINA, Wednesday.

The steamer Tomki sailed at 10 a.m. to-day for Sydney with a cargo of 318 bags maize, 4 bags horns, 13 bags bones, 3 bags horsehair, 24 bags oysters, 6 bags potatoes, 2 bales sheepskins, 2 calves, 36 cases eggs, 9 cases fruit, 1 case fish, 5 casks tallow, 8 coops poultry, 6 horses, 100 hides, 5 cases honey, 483 boxes and 11 kegs butter, 12 pine logs, 18 black bean logs, 16 pigs, 80 spokes, 6983ft. boxwood, and a large quantity of sundries.

The steamer Oakland sailed at 9 a.m. for Sydney, with 8 cedar logs, 2 she-beech logs, 25 pine logs, 76,907ft. sawn timber, 26 cases eggs, 56 hides, 4 casks tallow, 4 bundles sheepskins, 6 coops poultry, 10 pigs, 1 calf, 2 cases cheese, 35 kegs butter, 7 cases honey, 10 bags oysters, 3 crates ferns, and a quantity of furniture and sundries.

PALMER'S ISLAND, Wednesday.

Kallatina left 2 p.m., taking 560 bags maize, 1 bag horns, 1 bag bones, 30 bags onions, 11 bags pumpkins, 390 bags potatoes, 4 bales skins, 1 calf, 123 cases eggs, 5 cases fruit, 4 casks tallow, 24 coops poultry, 139 hides, 1 keg 393 boxes butter, 58 logs 80 pieces cedar, 27 pigs, 5000 spokes, and sundries.

SYDNEY WOOL SALES.

The Sydney Wool-selling Brokers' Association report that wool sales were held to-day, Wednesday, at the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, when the quantity catalogued totalled 5162 bales, and the sales amounted to 6256 bales, as under:—

Name.	Offered.	Sales. At Auction.	Privately ex Catalogue.	Uncatalogued.	Total Sales.
Hill, Clark, and Co.	2055	1667	339	...	2006
Winchcombe, Carson, and Co.	3107	2048	1358	844	4250
Total	5162	3715	1697	844	6256

To-day's catalogues, which were extensive for the time of year, comprised in the greasy section a number of nice samples, along with a very large percentage of heavy-conditioned skirty wools. The demand proved extremely keen, and the best rates of the year were readily forthcoming, except for inferior and faulty sorts, which were occasionally lower. In scoureds a particularly nice selection was offered, full current value being obtainable in almost every instance. The irregularity which was very noticeable at the sales held a fortnight ago has entirely disappeared. For a parcel of greasy wool of the mark JTF over New England, light, bright, and of fine silky quality, 9¾d was obtained. RMB over New England, a carefully-classed wool of good length and useful quality, sold to 8½d, a farthing less being secured for 20 bales of CC over New England, a fine quality wool, rather short in staple. Of DD over Blue Nobby, a light-conditioned New England wool, bright, but slightly seedy, 28 bales brought 7¾d, as also did a little lot marked WM over Yass. WC over diamond, a light dry-conditioned wool, also sold at 7¾d, the same price being accepted for 24 bales K in diamond over Brookfield, from Merriwa. Breelong over HC in block, from New England, a bright wool of good quality, though carrying plenty of weight, realised 7¾d, as also did a similar wool from Merriwa, marked WN over North Court. AA conjoined M over Yass, an excellent wool in light condition, brought 7½d, a farthing less being secured for 17 bales wethers and ewes of J on side over Oxley, a typical wool of the Mudgee district. ROHR over Mudgee, a well-bred wool, rather heavy in condition, realised 7½d. In scoureds 14d was accepted for 10 bales of well-handled wool of the mark Heart in triangle over Avon Downs, first pieces of which brought 11½d. This wool was very creditably turned out by Messrs. Wright and Abbot, of Lakeside, Botany. Of W in diamond, the well-known Delegate mark, 32 bales A combing, got up in the usual excellent style, brought 13½d. Wamrawar over TBB, of which 130 bales were offered, made 13½d for the clothing portion, super lambs 11½d. Over 300 bales of WNW over Culgoa and WNW over Tarrion marks, scoured at the Euralah bore, near Queensland border, were quitted, realising to 13½d for first combing. S&L over Invermay, a bulky wool from Collarendabri, sold at 12½d, the same price being obtained for H in diamond over Riverview, and for HH over Erlwood, from Wagga.

Among the more noteworthy parcels which changed hands may be mentioned the following:—Greasy: RMC over Wheeo, from Crookwell, 16 wethers and ewes at 7¾d; FW over Mullion, from Yass, 18 AA hoggets and wethers at 7½d; Wylgamere, from Walgett, 18 lambs at 6d; JB over Emview, from Walgett, 34 wethers and ewes at 7d; Gover Rossi, from Burrowa, 14 wethers and ewes at 7d; WM ROHR over Mudgee, 20 wethers and ewes at 7½d; WM over Yass, 6 wethers, hoggets, and ewes at 7¾d; GC over New England, 13 wethers and ewes at 7½d; —— over J J (reversed) conjoined over New England 8 wethers and ewes at 7½d; GR over New England, 13 wethers and ewes at 7½d; GCN over New England, 15 ewes at 7½d; WH over New England, 8 at 7½d; CC over New England, 20 hoggets, wethers, and ewes at 8d; JTF over New England, 15 wethers, hoggets, and ewes at 9¾d; RMB over New England, 18 combing wethers, 10 combing and clothing wethers and ewes at 8½d, 13 combing and clothing wethers and ewes at 8d; FG over M over Kentucky, 18 at 7d; SPB over New England, 11 at 7½d; DD over Blue Nobby over New England, 28 wethers, hoggets, and ewes at 7¾d; CO in diamond, from Cooma, 23 at 6d; B in diamond over B, 20 crossbred wethers, hoggets, and ewes at 6½d; J (reversed) over C over Barraba, 10 wethers and hoggets at 7½d; JO over B, 12 wethers, hoggets, and ewes at 7½d; WC over diamond, 7 at 7¾d; T over JB conjoined, from Idaville, 35 at 7½d; K in diamond over Brookfield, from Merriwa, 24 wethers at 7¾d; TS over Oakey Creek, 14 at 7½d; TSF over TIM, from Tenterfield, 5 wethers and ewes at 7½d; WJE over Cradock, from Gunnan, 19 wethers, hoggets, and ewes at 7½d; PC over Cavan, from Merriwa, 25 wethers and ewes at 6d; AL over Sydenham, 25 wethers and ewes at 6½d; M over Bobundra, from Monaro, 78 wethers, hoggets, and ewes at 5½d; Breelong over HC in block over New England, 14 wethers, hoggets, and ewes at 7¾d; J diamond C, from Monaro, 109 wethers, hoggets, and ewes at 6½d; AA conjoined over M over Yass, 15 hoggets, wethers, and ewes at 7½d; J over Oxley, from Merriwa, 17 wethers and ewes at 7d; WN over North Court, from Merriwa, 10 combing wethers and ewes at 7¾d; WWW over Culgoa, from Brewarrina, 18 crossbred at 6¼d, 13 crossbred first pieces at 6½d. Scoured: H in diamond over Riverview, from Inverell, 4 superior combing at 12¾d; F&GM over B, 6 first pieces at 12d; BS over Nubygna, 4 first at 13d; S&L over Invermay, from Collarendabri, 19 combing and clothing wethers at 11½d; HH over Erlwood, from Wagga, 9 wethers and ewes at 12½d; M'Bros. over Brewan, from Walgett, 72 first at 12½d, 18 first and 2nd at 12d, 23 pieces at 11½d, 60 wethers, ewes, and B bellies at 11d, 20 locks at 8½d; Woollahra, 25 superfine crossbred at 11½d; W in diamond, 32 A combing at 13½d; S&L over Invermay, from Collarendabri, 19 combing and clothing wethers at 12½d; TG over Clifton over Downs, from Bourke, 13 E at 12d; WNW over Culgoa, 15 first combing at 13½d, 4 second combing at 12½d, 21 first clothing at 12½d, 16 second clothing at 12d, 42 first pieces at 11½d; WNW over Tarrion, from Brewarrina, 29 first combing at 12½d, 5 first combing B at 12½d, 7 second combing B at 12½d, 17 first clothing B at 12d, 6 first pieces B at 11½d; Baviakine, from Collarendabri, 11 first combing at 12½d; Moorandah, from Walgett, 9 at 12½d, 6 A hoggets and ewes at 12d; Heart in triangle over Avon Downs, 10 extra super clothing at 14d; Wamrawar over TBB, 11 super clothing at 13½d, 47 first pieces at 11½d.

THE PRODUCE MARKETS.—WEDNESDAY.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

A fair amount of business was transacted in produce to-day. Supplies from all sources were plentiful. At auction a fair demand was experienced for all lines, the only change in prices to record being a slight rise in potatoes. On the wharfs maize met with attention, as also did oats, at about late rates. Bran and pollard were somewhat slow at quotations. Prime chaff commanded ready sale, and the same may be said of lucerne hay. Hunter River potatoes sold well at improved prices. Onions were dull of sale and prices easier. Dairy lines met with fairly good sale at about late prices.

FEED GRAINS MARKET.

The following are the quotations:—

Maize.—Prime river, 1s 10½d to 1s 11d; prime inland, 1s 11d to 2s; weevily, 1s 9d to 1s 9½d per bushel.

Oats.—Seed oats, 2s 6d to 2s 8d; local, 2s 2d to 2s 4d; New Zealand prime feed, 2s 4d; medium, 2s 3d per bushel.

Barley.—Local Cape, 2s 8d to 2s 9d; imported Cape barley, prime seed, 2s 9d per bushel.

Peas.—Prime blue, 4s 6d to 4s 9d; grey, 3s 6d per bushel.

Chickwheat.—Prime, 3s 9d to 4s; screenings, 3s 3d per bushel.

BREADSTUFFS.

The Associated Millers' minimum price for new patent city roller is £12 10s; some millers quote £13; old, £13 per ton; Californian Starr's mills, £11 15s; Manitoba, £15; local wheat is worth 4s 10d f.o.b.; Associated Millers offer 4s 9d, Darling Harbour delivery.

FORAGE MARKET.

The current quotations were:—

Chaff.—Plentiful. Imported prime, green, £4 5s; medium, £3 5s to £3 10s. Local: Prime, £4 5s to £4 10s; special green lots, £4 15s; good medium, £3 5s to £3 15s per ton.

Straw.—Local derrick-pressed up to £2 15s; Tasmanian, £2 15s. local bundled up to £2 15s per ton.

Hay.—Local oaten in bundles: Prime, £3 15s; medium, £3 to £3 7s 6d per ton.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Prime green, £2 2s 6d to £2 5s medium qualities, £1 10s to £2. Railway: Prime in small bales, £3; prime trusses, £3 15s; prime in large bales, £2 5s to £2 10s; good medium, £2 per ton.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran and pollard were in moderate request. Bran was quoted at 7d and pollard at 7½ to 7¾d per bushel.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Local: Brownell's, prime, £2 to £2 5s; Early Rose, £1 15s per ton. Railway: Brownell's, prime, £2 5s to £2 15s; Circulars, prime, £3 to £3 5s per ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Honey.—Plentiful, with slow sale. Garden honey, 2d to 2½d per lb.

Beeswax.—Choice, 1s to 1s 1d per lb.

Onions.—Melbourne, prime, up to £4 15s per ton.

Lard.—Finely rendered, in bladders, 4d; bulk, 3½d per lb.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

To-day's closing quotations were:—

Butter.—Good supply. Brisk demand. Finest creamery, 9d; factory, 7d to 7½d; dairy, 6d to 6½d; Berrima Co. quote finest creamery, 8d; factory, 7½d. South Coast and West Camden quote best creamery, 8d; factory, 7½d; Berry creamery, 8d; Laurel and Waratah creamery, 8d per lb.

Eggs.—Better supply. Good sale. Northern, 9d; Southern, 10d; choice, 11d per dozen.

Cheese.—Dull. Prime loaf, 5d to 5½d; large, 5d to 5½d; Cheddar, 5½d to 4d; New Zealand, 4d to 4½d per lb.

Bacon and Hams.—Fair stocks. Good demand. Hand-cured, prime, 6d to 6½d; second class, 5½d to 6d; farmers' lots, 4½d; choice brands, 5d; local hams, 6d to 6½d; in cloth, 7½d to 8d; New Zealand and Queensland, choice, 9d; English, 10d per lb.

Poultry.—Fowls, 1s 6d to 2s 6d; prime, 3s to 3s 6d; ducks, 2s to 2s 6d; choice, 3s; Muscovy ducks, prime, 4s; geese, 3s to 3s 6d; choice, 4s; turkeys, cocks 7s to 12s hens 4s 6d to 5s 6d per pair.

THE WOOD MARKET.

Small supply. Good demand. Firewood, good, 9s to 10s 6d; inferior, 7s to 8s; bundles, good, 10s to 11s; inferior, 8s to 9s 6d; billet, good, 7s 6d to 8s; inferior, 6s to 7s; bakers' split, good, 7s 6d to 8s 6d; inferior, 6s 6d to 7s 3d large, dry, 7s to 8s; green, 5s to 6s per ton.

REDFERN SALE.

At the Redfern Railway Terminus Produce Markets this morning a good supply of produce was submitted at auction. A large quantity of produce was left unoffered owing to the want of space on the sale lines. Ordinary prime chaff realised 4s 3d, and medium 3s 4d to 3s 9d per cwt. Prime derrick-pressed straw brought up to 2s 9d per cwt. Good medium oaten hay met with fair sale at 3s 3d to 3s 4d and inferior up to 2s 9d per cwt. Prime green lucerne hay in small bales found a buyer at 3s 1d per cwt. Potatoes commanded attention at improved prices. Brownells made as high as 3s, and Circulars up to 3s 4d per cwt. Melons and pumpkins were rather slow. Pumpkins sold at 1s 5d to 2s 4d, and watermelons at 11d to 3s 8d per dozen, according to size and quality. Auctioneers to-day received telegrams from their clients at Windsor and Mulgrave, stating that the railway authorities refuse to take delivery of any potatoes. The chief traffic manager on being spoken to to-day by a *Herald* representative in reference to the stoppage of loading, stated that in consequence of there being about 240 trucks at Redfern and also about 290 standing in the railway yards at Clyde and Granville, the railway authorities have been compelled, after sending a circular to consignees, to give instructions to country stations not to accept any more produce until the present congestion has been somewhat relieved. The consignees are not able to take delivery of more than 60 to 70 trucks per day.

Appended are the proportions of the various descriptions actually submitted at to-day's sale:—Chaff, 21 trucks; hay, 9; lucerne, 4; pumpkins, 5; melons, 3; potatoes, 16; straw, 2; maize, 3; and oats, 2.

The number of trucks manifested this morning was 63, being apportioned as follows:—Chaff, 17; hay, 9; potatoes, 18; straw, 7; maize, 1; wheat, 66 bags; pollard, 1; bran, 2; melons and pumpkins, 10 trucks.

Among the consignees were Messrs. Ellis and Co., Dent and Perry, G. Wells, H. Prescott and Co., Robert Little and Co., Hill, Clark, and Co., John W. Gray and Co., Robert Robinson, Grimes, and Co., South Coast Company, Heaton Brothers, John Campbell, John Bridge and Co., H. M. Suttor and Co., Inglis and Son, and Benjamin and Sons.

The above supplies were disposed of as follows:—

Chaff.—From M'Kinnon, Widgiewa, (8720) 4s and 3s 4d; Ewers, Manildra, (5373) 4s; Hooper, Tichborne, (938) 2s 10d, and (5724) 2s 10d; Mitchell, Cargo-road, (7003) 3s 8d; Tindale, Cunningar, (1577) 4s 3d; Brown Brothers, New Park, (90) 3s 6d, and (5008) 3s 4d; Pearce, Ganmain, (9861) 3s 9d; Power, Brewongle, (3793) 3s 10d, hay, 3s; Congrove, Raglan, (7243) passed; Peacock, George's Plains, (9216) 3s 6d; Death, Blayney, (9898) 4s; D. Brunskill, Wagga, (4448) passed; G. Brunskill, (5727) passed; Corby, Cootamundra, (2243) 3s 9d; Thompson, Yerong Creek, (3176) 3s 5d, (7149) 3s 6d; Walsh, Bomen, (4000) 3s 9d; Leeman, (3877) 4s 3d; —, (4537) 2s 6d per cwt.

Hay.—From Baxter, Molong, (10,794) 2s, (296) 2s 6d; Hunt, Newbridge, (9674) 3s 4d; Hayes and Russell, Quirindi, (1807 and 5383) 2s; Hodson, Blayney, (6106) 3s; Fogarty, (1097) 3s 3d; Watterson, Lime Siding, (3499) 2s 9d, and wheaten 2s 9d per cwt.; Geden, Apsley, (473) passed.

Oats.—From Christian, Raglan, (8747) 2s 2d per bushel, and (6808) passed.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed: From Druitt, Minore, (9819) 2s 9d per cwt.; Wallace, Ivipstone, (3497) passed.

Lucerne.—From Newnington, (1672) 2s 5d; —, Tamworth, (2709) 1s 9d, hay passed; Mogg, Mudgee, (9958) 3s 1d; M'Alister, Wellington, (3378) 3s 2d per cwt.

Potatoes.—From Windsor, (4412) 15 bags branded H 1s 11d, 15 HS 1s 8d, 15 HG 3s 9d, 16 JB 2s 9d, (8400) 12 WH 2s 9d, 42 T 2s, (2970) 19 JG passed, 24 no brand 1s 3d, 17 P 2s 5d, (3281) 26 M 2s 5d, 15 H 2s 6d, 12 D 2s 4d, 12 WJD 2s 4d, (3189) 20 O passed, 20 P 2s 5d, 13 C passed, (4290) 12 WU 2s 9d, 10 JB 2s 4d, 16 D 2s 5d, (4226) 18 JWB 2s 3d, 26 GD 2s 1d, 16 RF 2s 4d; Richmond (5982) 30 P 2s 11d, 10 ditto 3s, (4147) 15 RE 2s 9d; Mulgrave, (4559) 22 SJ 2s 11d, 23 MH 2s 3d, 25 R 2s 9d, 4 SM passed, (4565) 10 JD 3s 4d, 15 IXL 2s 5d, 17 RR 2s 4d, (6296) 26 J and D 2s 5d, 17 JC 2s 4d, 14 PH 2s 6d, (2143) 13 TR 2s 5d, 23 WH 2s 2d, 30 RR 2s 4d, (5404) 11 WC 2s 8d, 20 SJ 2s 10d, 15 JD 2s 9d, 15 JP 2s 4d; Windsor, (4133) 15 JB 2s 7d, 19 J WF 2s 4d, 17 D 2s 5d, 20 V 2s 8d, (8653) 11 CHC 2s 9d; Richmond, (7859) 11 HAC passed, 24 NB 2s 7d; Hawkesbury (5303) 20 C 2s per cwt.

Pumpkins.—From ——, Richmond, (5962), 3s 9d; A. Shields, (X359) 2s 4d; J. Shields, 2s; Pearce (4147) 1s 10d and 1s 5d; Smith, Penrith, (809) 2s; Purcell, (394) 1s 11d per dozen.

Watermelons.—From A. Shields, Richmond, (X359) 1s 6d; J. Kelly, 1s 4d; Agricultural College, (7859) 3s 8d; Shaw, Penrith (6009) 1s 1d; Smith, 11d; Cabban, (935) 2s 9d per dozen.

FRUIT MARKETS.

The markets were well supplied this morning. A brisk sale was experienced for choice fruit, medium and inferior quality, however, was somewhat slow. Nectarines were rather scarce and prices firm. Peaches, apples, and pears were plentiful and steady. Tropical fruits underwent no quotable change.

Current quotations are:—

Bananas.—Plentiful. Queensland, 1s; good, 1s 6d to 2s 6d; choice, 3s 6d; New Hebrides, 6d to 2s 6d; choice, 3s per bunch.

Oranges.—Italian: 9s to 10s per case of 150 oranges, 16s to 17s per case of 250 oranges. Local: Medium pulled oranges, 4s to 7s; prime, 8s to 10s per gincase.

Apples.—Local: Choice, 5s to 6s, small 2s 6d to 3s, good 4s to 5s; cooking, good 2s 6d to 3s 6d per gincase.

Peaches.—Small, 2s to 2s 6d; good medium, 4s per gincase; choice, 5s to 6s per gincase; choice, 3s to 4s per half-case.

Plums.—Lutherborough, 2s 6d to 3s; Orleans and Diamond, 2s to 4s per gincase; green gage, 2s; yellow gage, 2s per quarter-case.

Coconuts.—Plentiful, 8s per bag.

Lemons.—Green 3s to 4s, coloured 4s to 5s per gincase; Italian, 9s to 10s per case containing 10 to 12 dozen, and 15s to 16s per case containing 25 to 30 dozen.

Nectarines.—Small, 2s 6d to 3s; medium, 3s 6d to 4s 6d; prime, 5s to 6s per gincase; choice, 3s to 5s per half-case.

Passionfruit.—2s; choice, 3s to 3s 6d per gincase; choice, 2s per half-case.

Tomatoes.—Local, 6d to 1s; choice, 1s 6d per half-case.

Grapes.—White, 1s 6d to 3s per box; Black Hamburg, 1d to 1½d; choice, 2d; muscatels, 1½d to 3d; choice, 4d to 5½d; Golden Champion, 3d.

Pears.—Melbourne Williams, 4s 6d to 5s; cooking, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; Williams, 4s to 5s; choice, 6s per gincase.

Pines.—Common, 2s 6d to 3s 6d per case.

Rockmelons.—1s 6d to 2s 6d; choice, 3s per gincase.

Watermelons.—2s to 3s; prime large, 4s per dozen.

Green Walnuts.—5s 6d per bushel-case.

Mangoes.—Queensland, 1s 6d to 2s 6d per quarter-case.

ROBERT LITTLE AND CO.—Hay, Chaff, and Produce Auctions at Redfern daily. Highest prices, immediate returns.—[ADVT.]

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HELIDON SPA WATER and Whisky to be obtained at all leading Hotels. Tooth and Co., agents.—[ADVT.]

LLOYD AND COLLINS'S Great Sale now on. Enormous reductions, and 10 per cent. off your bill.—[ADVT.]

"YANKEE Doodle now made LARGER, as well as Dark. Gentlemen smokers try the LARGER."—[ADVT.]

MARSUPIAL SKIN SALES.

The Sydney Wool-selling Brokers' Association (Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company, Limited, John Bridge and Co., Campbell, Nimmo, and Co., Dalgety and Co., Limited, Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited, Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, Hill, Clark, and Co., New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, Pastoral Finance Association, Limited, Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., and J. C. Young and Co.) report:—

Marsupial Skins.—Small sale lists only were available, the offerings consisting almost entirely of warm season skins, and demand showed a slackening tendency for kangaroo and wallaby. Bear fairly steady. Rabbit depressed by unfavourable European market reports. Opossum quiet, but likely to sell well when winter skins are available. Quotations—Kangaroo, large grey, 21d to 29½d each; small to medium, 3d to 20d; large red, 20d to 38½d; small to medium, 4d to 25d; wallaroo, 12d to 22½d; seconds, 3d to 11½d; wallaby, scrub, 8d to 14½d; seconds, 2½d to 7½d; swamp, 7d to 11½d; seconds, 2½d to 6½d; rock, 1d to 2½d; goats, 8s to 11s per dozen; seconds, 2s 6d to 7s 9d; bears, 8s 6d to 7s; seconds, 2s to 5s 3d; hares, 6d to 1s 6d; rabbits, 2d to 4d per lb. Opossumskins: Red, to 6s 3d per dozen; grey, to 7s 3d.

MELBOURNE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the Live Stock market 1150 fat cattle were entered for sale, but a draft of 100 head failing to come forward reduced the number to 1050 head comprising 200 from New South Wales 550 from the North-eastern and Goulburn Valley districts, 150 from Gippsland, and the remainder from the westward. A large proportion consisted of useful and good qualities, with a fair sprinkling of prime. Owing to the favourable change in the weather competition was brisk, and prices ruled about 10s per head in advance of last week's rates. Quotations: Prime pens bullocks, £8 15s to £9 12s 6d; odd beasts, £9 17s 6d; good pens bullocks, £7 to £8; middling ditto, £5 10s to £6 10s; inferior ditto, from £4; prime pens cows, £5 15s to £7; good pens cows, £4 10s to £5 5s; second and inferior ditto, from £3. 230 fat calves were penned. All qualities represented, and prices ruled at about equal to former quotations. Quotations: Prime steers and heifers, 60s to 75s; prime calves, 50s to 56s; prime small calves, 35s to 45s; others from 15s. The supply of fat sheep was a moderate one, only 16,000 being yarded. For good and prime qualities, especially in merinos, which were scarce, prices ruled firm at fully last week's rates; whilst for middling and inferior descriptions prices are practically unaltered. Prime crossbred wethers, 9s to 10s, a few extra 11s; good crossbred wethers, 8s to 8s 9d; second and inferior ditto from 6s; prime crossbred ewes, 7s 6d to 8s 6d; a few extra 8s 9d to 9s 6d; good crossbred ewes, 6s 6d to 7s; second and inferior ditto ditto, from 4s 6d; prime merino wethers, 8s 3d to 9s 3d; a few extra, 9s 9d to 10s; good merino wethers, 6s 6d to 7s 6d; second and inferior ditto ditto, 4s 6d; best merino ewes, 5s to 5s 9d, a few 6s 6d; others from 3s 9d. 7000 fat lambs were penned. The supply proved ample for requirements, consequently the extreme rise in last week's short market was to a large extent lost. Prime sold at 7s to 8s; extra, 8s 6d; good sold at 6s to 6s 9d; second, 4s 6d to 5s 6d; inferior from 3s 6d.

In the Metropolitan Dead Meat Market to-day prices ruled as follow:—Beef: Prime bodies, 16s to 17s per 100lb.; medium, 14s to 15s; prime forequarters, 11s; medium, 10s; prime hindquarters, 21s to 22s; medium, 19s to 20s. Lambs: Prime 6s to 6s 6d each; medium, 5s to 5s 6d. Veal: Prime large vealers, 2d to 2½d per lb.; prime small vealers, 2½d to 2¾d; small calves, 1d to 1½d. Pork: Prime small porkers, 3½d to 4d per lb.; prime large pigs (from 80lb. to 100lb.), 3½d to 3¾d; bacon pigs, 2½d to 3d.

MELBOURNE FRUIT MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the Queen Victoria Market this morning fruits realised the following prices:—Apples, 1s to 3s 6d per case; damsons, 2s 6d to 3s ditto; filberts, 4d to 8d per lb.; figs, 6d to 1s per dozen; grapes, 2s to 6s per case; oranges, Italian 10s ditto; lemons, Italian 6d to 8d per dozen, ditto local 5s to 8s per case; melons, water 2s to 4s per dozen ditto, rock 2s to 4s ditto; mulberries, 1½d to 2d per lb.; nectarines, 2d to 2s 6d per half-case; peaches, 2s to 5s per case; pears, culinary 2s 6d to 3s ditto, dessert 3s to 5s ditto; plums, 3s 6d to 5s ditto; raspberries, 3½d to 4d per lb.; strawberries, 5d to 6d ditto.

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

RIFLE TEAM FOR ENGLAND.

The adjourned thirty-sixth annual meeting of the National Rifle Association was held at Chancery-square yesterday evening, Major-General French presiding. The report and balance-sheet were adopted. It was set forth that the association was entering upon an era of increased usefulness and success. Particulars were given of the annual rifle shooting meeting at Randwick in October. It was stated that the rolled case ammunition was in favour "owing to its superior quality." Those words quoted were eliminated from the report. The credit balance was £169 4s 1d.

Votes of thanks were accorded to Lord and Lady Hampden, Major-General French, the scrutineers, and auditors.

During a discussion in regard to the rolled case and steel-drawn ammunition, Colonel Roberts said they were getting absolutely the best ammunition. During an inspection at home 300,000 rounds were condemned. If young men were to be brought up so that they would be afraid of the kick of the rifle, the sooner they gave up rifle shooting the better.

Major-General French promised to assist rifle shooting in all branches of the service. He would help it in every way he could while in the colony. (Applause.)

Colonel Roberts asked what funds were available for sending home a rifle team.

Lieutenant Keating said the proposal had not been taken up very warmly by those from whom they expected to get assistance. Subscription lists were sent out, but £2 only was collected. A number of the lists were not returned. He hoped to go on with the team, but his expenses would not be a charge on the project. He would give or collect £35. Encouraging reports had been received from Singleton and other country places. Two or three New Zealanders were going.

Major-General French said he would help the movement. If New Zealanders went they could call the team Australasian instead of Australian. He was on the association at Canada when a Canadian team went to England, and since then teams went every year to Bisley from the Dominion. They spent much more money on military matters in these colonies than they did in Canada. They ought to easily send two or three men from this colony and have an annual team. They had got £4500 for the mounted team for England, which was 10 times more than the sum required for the rifle team. He thought the council could assist and those present could subscribe. He would take two subscription lists, and would assist in a tattoo, a military concert at the Town Hall, or in any other way. (Applause.)

A subscription list was opened in the room. Major-General French gave £5 and Colonel Roberts £2. A few others also responded.

The secretary, who gave a donation, said subscription lists had been distributed.

The council held a meeting subsequently.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

LAND AND HOUSES.

E. C. V. BROUGHTON.—At the Rooms, at 11.30, Land.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

H. HARRIS and CO.—At their Mart, at 11, Drapery, Clothing, Hats, &c.

A. TRAVERSI and CO.—On the Premises, 14 Cambridge-street, Stanmore, at 11, Piano, Household Furniture and Effects.

J. P. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 11, Pianoforte, Furniture, Clothing, Books, &c.

W. TROUP and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Boots and Shoes.

H. W. LAWSON and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Pianofortes, Household Furniture, &c.

GUILLE and CO.—At Rooms, Enmore-road, at 3, Furniture, &c.

DENT and PERRY.—At 119 Botany-road, Waterloo, at 2, Engine, Boiler, Cornerusher, &c.

J. COWAN.—At 278 Sussex-street, at 11, Gas Engine, Boilers, Machinery, Plant, &c.

C. W. MADDOCK and CO.—At their Rooms, at 2.30, Household Furniture and Effects.

A. HARVEY and CO.—At the Chamber of Commerce, at 2.30, Teas.

J. BROWN and CO.—On the Premises, Armadia-street, off Toxteth-road, Glebe, at 11, Household Furniture and Effects.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

SYDNEY WOOLSELLING BROKERS' ASSOCIATION. At the Wool Exchange, at 3, Wool.

FAT STOCK SALE.

The Homebush fat stock sale has been arranged in the following order:—

SHEEP.—Total 50,306.

W. H. GRAVES and SON, 3224.
PITT, SON, and BADGERY, 9377.
HENDERSON BROTHERS, 4(?)0.
HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN, 7970.
MAIDEN BROTHERS, 4800.
H. M. SUTTOR and CO., 600.
J. LEEDS and CO., 7520.
WEAVER and PERRY, 3341.
WILKINSON and LAVENDER, 1240.
J. C. YOUNG and CO., 2400.
HILL, CLARK and CO., 9744.

CATTLE.—Total 876.

HILL, CLARK, and CO., 222.
MAIDEN BROTHERS, 50.
J. LEEDS and CO., 64.
WILKINSON and LAVENDER, 70.
WEAVER and PERRY, 40.
PITT, SON, and BADGERY, 290.
HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN, 100.
J. C. YOUNG, and CO., 40.

HORSES, HARNESS, AND VEHICLES.

G. KISS.—At the Bazaar, at 11 and 12, Horses, Vehicles, &c.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 11 and 12, Horses, Vehicles, &c.

DENT and PERRY.—At 119 Botany-road, Waterloo, at 2, Horses, Vehicles, Harness, &c.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At their Railway Yards, at 11, Cows, &c.; at 2, Calves, Pigs, &c.; at 3.30, Cattle.

ELLIS and CO.—At their Yards, at 2, Cows, Calves, Lambs, &c.

J. BRIDGE.—At G. Wells's Rooms, Sussex-street, at 12, Chaff, Maize, &c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

BANNISTER, MORRIS, and CO.—At Newtown, at 7, Wood, &c.; at Darling Harbour, at 9, Wood, &c.

Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson, and Hodge sold recently in London a portion of the library of Mr. M. C. Scott, which included some rare early Tasmanian newspapers. An imperfect set of the *Hobart Town Courier* from its beginning in October, 1827, to January 13, 1843, in 11 volumes, brought £13 (Quaritch). A set of the *Colonial Times and Tasmanian Advertiser*, Hobart Town, 1825 to 1836, in six volumes, was sold for £12 (Edwards); and similar prices were given for other lots.

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THE WOLLONGONG SHOW.

FINE EXHIBITION OF DAIRY CATTLE.

WOLLONGONG, Wednesday.

Glorious weather prevailed for the opening day of the fifteenth annual exhibition under the auspices of the Wollongong A., H., and I. Association. The attendance was unusually large for the first day, and during the afternoon it must have numbered about 1500. The membership of the society shows a great increase this year as compared with last, and the show is unanimously admitted to be equal to any ever held at Wollongong. The cattle include the pick of the South Coast herds, and form a magnificent collection, which elicited from visitors expressions of hearty admiration. The dairy produce has not many exhibitors, but the judges state the quality to be of the very highest order, equal to any ever exhibited in the colony. Horses are admirably represented, and experts declare they would do credit to any show ring of in Australia. The ring events created much interest, and the water jump and hunting contest in particular caused great excitement. There is a very fine exhibition of dogs, including some champions. The pavilion contains a rare mass of productiveness, the weakest feature being plants and flowers, the recent dry weather having militated against a large display in this section. At the luncheon Mr. D. L. Dymock spoke strongly in favour of the amalgamation of the Wollongong and Dapto societies, Kiama and Albion Park, and Berry and Nowra. Among the visitors were Mr. P. C. L. Shepherd, M.L.C., and Mr. M. Harris, M.L.A. It is expected that to-day when the Postmaster-General will be present there will be a very large attendance. The following are the chief awards:—

Dairy bull, 3 years: G. H. Gray, 1; E. Gibson, 2. Dairy bull, under 3 years: Gibson Brothers, 1; J. Lindsay, 2. Bull, 1 year: J. Burgess, 1; R. Wilson, 2. Bull, calf: G. Barrett. Dairy cow in milk: Sharpe Brothers, 1; D. Hyam, 2. Dairy cow, dry, 19 entries: G. H. Gray, 1; D. Manson, 2. Pen three dairy cows: Lindsay Brothers, 1; G. H. Gray, 2. Heifer under 3 years: Lindsay Brothers, 1; D. Manson, 2. Pen four heifers under 2 years: Lindsay Brothers, 1 and 2. Heifer under 2 years (20 entries): Lindsay Brothers, 1 and 2. Heifer calf: Lindsay Brothers, 1; D. Manson, 2. Pen four calves: Lindsay Brothers, 1; G. H. Gray, 2. Pen three heifers not exceeding 2 years: D. Hyam, 1; Lindsay Brothers, 2. Champion bull: D. Hyam, 1; G. H. Gray, 2. Champion cow for dairying purposes: Sharpe Brothers, 1; Lindsay Brothers, 2. Champion heifer: Lindsay Brothers and D. Hyam, equal, 1. Ayrshire bull, 3 years and upwards: G. Lindsay, 1; Lindsay Brothers, 2. Bull, 2 years: Lindsay Brothers, 1 and 2. Bull, 1 year: G. H. Gray, 1; Lindsay Brothers, 2. Cow, any age: G. H. Gray, 1; Lindsay Brothers, 2. Heifer, 2 years: G. H. Gray, 1; Lindsay Brothers, 2. Heifer, 1 year: Lindsay Brothers, 1; G. H. Gray, 2. Jersey bull, 3 years: D. Hyam, 1; G. W. Gray, 2. Bull, 2 years: D. Hyam, 1. Bull, 1 year: D. Hyam, 1; J. Phillips, 2. Bull calf: D. Hyam, 1. Cow, any age: D. Hyam, 1; J. Hessinger, 2. Heifer, 2 years: D. Hyam, 1 and 2. Heifer, 1 year: D. Hyam, 1 and 2.

Horses.—Blood stallion, over 3 years: R. Elliott, 1; R. T. Jenkins, 2. Stallion, over 2 years: O. Couch. Stallion, under 2 years: J. Head. Mare: R. Elliott. Filly: L. Carr. Filly, under 3 years: J. Fitzgerald. Draught stallion, over 3 years: E. Gibson. Stallion, over 2 years: F. Gibson. Stallion, under 2 years, D. Moran. Mare, over 3 years: D. Manson, 1 and 2. Filly, under 3 years: D. Manson. Filly, under 2 years: D. Marceau. Pair plough horses: J. Porter, 1; D. Manson, 2. Farm stallion: E. Gibson. Pony stallion: J. Townsend. Pitt horse: Bulli colliery. Springcart horse: N. Beigley. Buggy horse: L. Crofton. Boy rider: H. Oswald. Galloway gelding or mare in harness: J. Hunt. Flat race for ponies: T. Rothwell. Farm gelding or mare: D. Manson, 1 and 2. Pony gelding or mare in harness: J. D. Hunt.

Fruit.—Carr Brothers, Brown Brothers, F. M'Namara, J. Porter, H. G. Fraser, F. Faughs, S. Kirton, R. G. Walker, R. Gilmore, Sam Lee, W. Northfield, Chung Won, H. Ziens, F. Ziens, C. S. Towell.

Flowers.—E. Waldron, J. Oliver, M. Murphy, J. W. Hosking, Chung Won, L. Carr, A. Dennis, L. Raison, G. M'Phail, R. Marceau, C. L. Powell, F. Ziens, E. G. Walker, J. A. Beatson, Miss Goodenough.

Poultry.—N. Shipp, S. Francis, Mrs. J. Waugh, A. Osborne, F. Gibson, J. Porter, E. Waldron, J. Heininger, S. Kirton, F. Bevan, F. W. Weekes, Mrs. Davies, S. R. Watkins, Ferguson and Johnston.

Dogs.—R. Elliott, W. Hamilton, D. Coleman, W. Defendable, T. Sanders, H. Dent, Rev. T. Barlow, J. Porter, R. Wilson, T. Rathwell, J. H. Lindsay, G. Chinock, J. Sereant, J. Ferguson, S. Kirton.

Dairy Produce.—Table butter: J. Porter, 1; Lindsay Bros., 2. Salt butter: P. Quinn and Lindsay Bros. (equal), 1; E. Waldron and J. Porter (equal), 2. Cask separated butter: J. Porter, 1; B. Gordon, 2. Ornamental table butter: B. Gordon, 1 and 2. Champion prize for cask butter: J. Porter, 1; Lindsay Bros., 2. Cheese: J. Porter, 1.

Fine Arts.—A. J. Daplyn, 1; Miss L. Austin, J. Evans, Mrs. H. S. Bingle, Atkinson and Campbell, H. B. Hughes, G. H. James, Mrs. W. Rowman, Miss M'Lelland, Mrs. C. E. Holding.

Vehicles and Agricultural Implements.—W. Dwyer, W. Edwards, B. Bain, M. R. Richardson.

BALMAIN COTTAGE HOSPITAL.

Last night the adjourned annual meeting of the subscribers of the Balmain Cottage Hospital took place in the local Town Hall. The principal business was the reception of the report from the scrutineers (Messrs. M'Pherson, W. A. Hunt, and W. J. Crewes), who reported the following as being elected for the board of management for the ensuing year:—Ald. G. C. Murdoch, Ald. Wm. Cullen-Ward, Alderman O. H. Chidgey, Alderman J. J. Wheeler, Alderman H. B. Swan, Messrs. Richard Wane, Wm. Druce, Geo. Boulton, J. T. Hallewell, F. W. Goden, and Alex. Gow, J.P. Vice-president: Ex-Alderman D. H. Easton, J.P., was re-elected.

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Government Notices.

HIS Excellency the Governor will be prepared to receive, up till the 1st March, 1897, TENDERS for a Steam Service for the Conveyance of Mails to and from Norfolk Island. Full particulars obtainable at Government House.

A. F. H. FERGUSON, Captain,
Acting Private Secretary.

Postal and Telegraph Department,
Brisbane, 20th January, 1897.

TENDERS will be received at the office of the Under-Secretary and Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs, Brisbane, until noon on MONDAY, 22nd March, 1897, from persons desirous of Contracting for the Supply of Seventy (70) tons of Galvanised Iron Wire, weighing 400lb. per mile.

For further particulars see Queensland Government Gazette of SATURDAY, 23rd January, 1897, page 226.

A. J. THYNNE.

Department of Lands,
Sydney, 1st February, 1897.

THE ATTENTION of all persons interested is invited to the Government Gazette of the 19th ultimo, in which appears a notification with respect to ALIGNMENT of QUARRY-ROAD, MUNICIPALITY OF DUNDAS. Copies of the Government Gazette can be inspected at the Crown Lands Office and the Police Office of the district.

W. HOUSTON,
(5a-136) Under-Secretary.

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Municipal Elections

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF STRATHFIELD.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS.

In connection with the Annual Elections, I desire to notify that I have received the following Nominations:—

AS ALDERMEN:

STRATHFIELD WARD.—ALBERT ALLEN, Storekeeper, Strathfield, and CHARLES WILLIAM DONALD GOODCHAP, Architect, Strathfield.

HOMEBUSH WARD.—HENRY GREEN, Warehouseman, Homebush, and JAMES WILLIAM BOULTBEE, Civil Servant, Strathfield.

FLEMINGTON WARD. — WILLIAM EVANS RICHARDS, Stock Agent, Homebush, and GEORGE MICHAEL, Gentleman, Flemington.

AS AUDITORS:

HORACE BATELY ALLARD, Accountant, Burlington-road, Homebush.

ALEXANDER KEITH TROUP, Accountant, Redmyre-road, Strathfield.

N.B.—A POLL will be taken for the Election of one Alderman for each of the three WARDS on FRIDAY next, the 5th instant, at the following places:—
Homebush Ward.—At Strathfield Council-chambers, corner of Redmyre and Homebush roads.
Strathfield Ward.—At "Rossmoyne," corner of Redmyre-road and Vernon-street.
Flemington Ward.—At vacant House in Exeter-road, between Henley-road and Hornsey-road.
Also, for the three Wards at No. 11 Victoria Arcade, near King-street, Sydney.
The hours of Polling will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

F. W. PARSONS,
Mayor and Returning-Officer.

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Lectures.

L.O.L. No. 15.—Lantern Lecture, 8 p.m., by Bro. Chapman, St. George's Hall, King-st., N'town. J. Arnold.

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This world is full of suffering and unhappiness. In every walk of life may be seen young girls, pale, sallow, and nerveless, the victims of troubles peculiar to their sex, from which they suffer in silence, and with the mistaken notion that there is no help for them. Their lives are made miserable by headaches, dizziness, palpitation of the heart, shortness of breath on the slightest exertion; an indisposition for either work or pleasure, and frequently a feeling that life is but a dreary burden scarcely worth preserving. To all such we say take hope; there is a cure for your trouble, and it is within your power to be bright eyed, rosy cheeked, and happy. Dr. Williams' PINK PILLS for PALE PEOPLE will restore your lost colour, correct irregularities, and bring back health and happiness. In proof of this assertion read the following testimony from those who have suffered and found renewed health through this marvellous medicine.

Mr. William Stoughton is a well known and much esteemed farmer living in the vicinity of Barryvale, Renfrew, Ont. He is one of many who have reason to bless the day that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills were brought into his home, for they saved the life of his daughter. Mr. Stoughton says:—"In 1893, my daughter, then a picture of health and strength, went to Ardock, North Dakota. In April of that year she caught a severe cold, which brought her to the verge of the grave. The cold was followed by headache, dizziness and palpitation of the heart, and she became so pale and emaciated that her doctor there said she was going into consumption, and advised her return home. She had been under the doctor's care for some months before this advice was given, and in February, 1894, she returned home. She was so weak as to be almost helpless, and we decided that the best thing to be done was to send her to the Kingston Hospital, where she could have better treatment than was possible in our country home. She remained for two months in the hospital, gradually growing weaker instead of stronger, and as it seemed to us that there was no hope of recovery, we brought her home. At this time she was so weak as to be scarcely able to walk across a room, and was confined almost constantly to her bed. She was pale and terribly emaciated, had constant pain in her back and limbs, had literally no appetite, and was to all appearances gradually sinking. We had given up hope, for had not the best of physicians failed to help her? My wife and I, like a good many more, had read much of the cures wrought by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and perhaps also, like many more, were somewhat sceptical. All else had failed, however, and we decided that perhaps Pink Pills were worth trying. Words cannot express how thankful we now are that we came to this decision. We got six boxes, and before they were all gone there was a decided improvement. Hope once more returned, and we procured another six boxes. She took them, and the story is now summed up in two words—was cured. She now feels neither pain nor ache; her colour has returned; she is strong and healthy, and does not now look like one who had ever seen a day's sickness. And this great change was brought about by the use of twelve boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, after months of medical treatment had failed, and at a time when death was thought to be not far off. Have we not therefore reason to speak in the warmest terms of this great life-saving medicine?"

Miss S. A. Manchester, of Huntley, Ont., writes:—"Up to the age of 18 I was always healthy, but at that time my health began to give way. My illness came on gradually, and I was growing weaker and weaker. My complexion, hitherto good, became pale and yellow, almost corpse-like. My blood seemed to have turned to water; my heart would palpitate violently on the slightest exertion, and I was easily tired. If I went to the pump for a pail of water I would tremble so badly that I could hardly reach the house with it. When going up stairs I had to rest when I reached the top, and if I walked a short distance I would almost choke from the effects of the heart palpitation. My hands and feet were most always cold. I was irregular in my periods, and altogether was a sorry spectacle. I took doctors' prescriptions—beef, iron, and wine—and while these helped me some I did not get strong, nor did my blood appear to improve. Then I decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. When I had taken nearly two boxes I felt somewhat better, and from that out I began to recover quite rapidly. I continued taking the Pink Pills for a couple of months, and when I stopped using them I was again enjoying good health. I gained flesh and strength, the heart trouble left me, a healthy colour returned to my face; my changes became regular, and I was able to walk long distances and run up and down stairs without the least fatigue. In fact, my friends scarcely realised that I was the weak and miserable girl of a few months before. Now, if I feel myself out of sorts, as the expression goes, I resort to Pink Pills, and am soon myself again. I know there are many girls who suffer as I did, and it is only in the hope that my experience will help them that I make this statement public."

Miss Catherine Flood, daughter of Patrick Flood, Esq., who lives a few miles from Mallorytown, Ont., says:—"A little more than a year ago I began to decline in health. I felt constantly tired, my appetite failed, and my colour was deathly. My father saw a doctor and described my case, and he said the trouble was anæmia, and sent me a bottle of medicine. I found that the medicine did not agree with me and discontinued it. I was constantly growing worse, and was subject to weak spells, and was fast becoming little more than a living skeleton. One Sunday after I had been to church a friend who returned with me strongly urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I decided to give them a trial, and my father purchased a supply. The first change I noticed was that the dizziness was leaving me, then my appetite improved and my colour began to return, and soon I was enjoying as good health as I had ever done. It is now about a year since I discontinued the use of the pills, and I have not felt one symptom of the old trouble. I believe that Pink Pills saved me from the grave, and I strongly urge other girls who may be in a condition similar to mine to try them."

Miss Alma Millar, of Upper Southampton, N.B., says: "I scarcely know when my illness began, as my mother was unable to work and most of the duties of a large household devolved upon me, so that I felt that I must keep up, but I kept getting worse and worse. My appetite failed, my complexion became sallow, and my eyes sunken. I was troubled with dizziness, shortness of breath, and palpitation of the heart, until I would almost suffocate. I was also troubled with a terrible pain in the side. I could not go up stairs without resting, and was so afflicted with headache that my life became almost unbearable. At last I was forced to give up and keep my bed. My friends feared I was going into consumption, but recommended one remedy after another, which, however, did not help me. Finally I was induced to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and in less than three weeks I was able to leave my bed, and after using the pills a few weeks longer I feel that I am as well as ever I was. My appetite has returned as well, and my strength and general health is in every way restored. I feel that in bringing this subject before the public I am only doing justice to suffering humanity, and hope that all afflicted as I was will give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a fair trial."

WRESTED FROM THE GRAVE.

There are very few people, especially among the agriculturists of Kent County, N.B., who do not know Mr. H. H. Warman, the popular agent for agricultural machinery, of Molus River. A Richibucto (N.B.) Review representative was in conversation with Mr. Warman recently, when the subject of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills was incidentally touched upon. Mr. Warman said he was a staunch believer in their curative properties, and to justify his opinion he related the cure of his sister, Miss Jessie Warman, aged 15, who he said had been "almost wrested from the grave by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills." Miss Warman had been suffering for nearly a year with troubles incident to girlhood. She suffered from severe and almost constant headaches, dizziness, heart palpitation, and was pale and bloodless, and eventually became so weak and emaciated that her parents thought she was in consumption, and had all but given up hope of her recovery. Her father spared no expense to procure relief for the poor sufferer. The best available medical advice was employed, but no relief came, and although the parents were almost in despair, they still strove to find the means of restoring their loved one to health. Mr. Warman, like everybody else who read the newspapers, had read of the marvellous cures effected by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, but like some others, looked upon these stories as "mere patent medicine advertisements." However, as everything else had failed he determined that Pink Pills should be given a trial, with a result no less marvellous than that of many other cases related through the press. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, have completely cured the young lady, so that in a few months, from a helpless and supposedly dying girl, she has become a picture of health and activity.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are a tonic medicine, enriching the blood and strengthening the nerves, thus reaching the root of disease and driving it from the system. They are beyond doubt the greatest medicine of the 19th century, and have cured in hundreds of cases after all other medicines had failed. The great popularity of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills has caused unscrupulous dealers to imitate them extensively, and intending buyers are urged to see that every box is enclosed in a wrapper bearing the full registered trade mark "Dr. Williams's Pink Pills for Pale People." Pills coloured pink, but sold in loose form by the dozen, hundred or ounce, or taken from glass jars, are fraudulent imitations, and should always be refused, no matter how plausible may be the story of the interested dealer offering them.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are obtainable from all leading chemists or from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Sydney, N.S.W., who will forward (post paid) on receipt of stamps or post order, 1 box for 2s 9d, or half dozen for 15s 9d.

Funerals.

DUNN.—The FRIENDS of Mr. W. A. DUNN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved FATHER, William; to move from his residence, Punchbowl-road, Enfield, THIS (Thursday) MORNING, at 8 o'clock, to Balmain Cemetery. H. HART and SONS, Undertakers, Burwood, Ashfield, Sydney.

BOTT.—The FRIENDS of Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH BOTT are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved DAUGHTER, Myrtle R., which will move from their residence, White-street, Leichhardt, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, to Petersham station, and thence to Necropolis.
WOOD and COMPANY,
Undertakers and Embalmers, Sydney, Balmain, P'sham.

THE FRIENDS of Mrs. THOMAS HEALY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved HUSBAND, Thomas Healy, late of Yarra Glen; to move from his sister's residence, No. 6 Rockwall-crescent, quarter before 3 o'clock THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, for Waverley Cemetery.

THE FRIENDS of Mrs. M. A. PERRY, of Marebone, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved BROTHER, Thomas Healy; to move from her residence, 6 Rockwall-crescent, Potts Point, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at a quarter before 3 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.

BARTLETT.—The FRIENDS of Messrs. HENRY, JOSIAH, JOHN, and JAMES BARTLETT are kindly informed that the Funeral of their beloved FATHER will leave the residence of his son, George-street, Enfield, THIS THURSDAY, at 4 o'clock, for Enfield Cemetery. T. CRISFORD, Undertaker and Embalmer, Burwood-road.

THE FRIENDS of the late Mrs. JOHN S. DONNAN are informed that her Funeral will leave her late residence, Macquarie-street, Liverpool, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 5 o'clock, for Liverpool Cemetery.

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Legal Notices.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy, No. 8088.—Re THOMAS LANGDON MERRY, of Marrickville.—To the Official Assignee and Creditors.—TAKE NOTICE that THOMAS LANGDON MERRY intends to apply to his Honor the Judge in Bankruptcy, at the Court, Chancery-square, Sydney, on TUESDAY, the twenty-third day of February, 1897, at 11 a.m., or as soon afterwards as the course of business will admit, that a Certificate of Discharge be granted to him under and according to the provisions of the Act 51 Victoria, No. 19. Dated this thirtieth day of January, 1897. HERBERT JOHN ASPINALL, Solicitor for Applicant, St. James's-chambers, King and Macquarie streets, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN THOMAS, late of Newcastle, in the colony of New South Wales, Mining Engineer, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Accounts and Plan of Distribution in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the eighth day of March, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise, if the said accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated 1st day of February, in the year 1897. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. H. J. BROWN, Proctor for Executors, Newcastle. By MAKINSON and PLUNKETT, his Agents, 49 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of EDWARD REEVES WHEREAT, late of Tenterfield, in the colony of New South Wales, Tanner and Miller, deceased, intestate.—NOTICE is hereby given that the First Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate or being otherwise interested therein are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the eleventh day of March next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this third day of February, in the year 1897. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. JAMES FRANCIS THOMAS, Proctor for the Administrators, Tenterfield. By his Agents, WILKINSON and SMITH, 18 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of BELA SINGER, late of No. 281 George-street, Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, Merchant, deceased.—APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ELIZABETH SINGER, of Sydney aforesaid, widow of the said deceased, the Executrix named in the said Will, HYAM EDWARD HART, of Dunedin, New Zealand, the Executor named therein, having disclaimed and renounced the trusts and executorship of the said Will. ALFRED DE LISSA, Proctor for the said Executrix, Denman-chambers, Phillip-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will and Codicils of JOHN RODEN, late of Hermaville, Ernest-street, North Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and the two Codicils thereto of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to CHARLES BENJAMIN RODEN and FLORENCE HELEN RODEN, the Executor and Executrix named in the said Will.
NORTON, SMITH, and CO.,
Proctors for the Executors,
2 O'Connell-street,
Sydney.

Meetings.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW WALES.

A MEETING of the Council of the above Society will be held at the Society's Office, Hunter-street, TO-MORROW, Friday, the 5th instant, at 3 o'clock.
F. WEBSTER,
Secretary.

PIG AND POULTRY FARMERS will hold a MEETING at Crystal Palace Hotel, George-street, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, at 1 o'clock.

BELMORE, Cook, Flinders, Phillip Labour Leagues meet To-night at 8. School-hall, Devonshire Riley sts.

PIONEER L.O.L. No. 30 meet TO-NIGHT, St. Matthias' Hall, Pad'ton. Official visit. Members attend.

LOYAL ORANGE INSTITUTION of N.S. WALES.—Installation Grand Lodge Officer, Protestant Hall, Tuesday next, 8.30 p.m. All members of the Institution invited. J. Wheeler, R.W.G.M.; A. J. S. Gilchrist, G.S.

THE AUSTRALIAN ALUM COMPANY, Limited.
NOTICE is hereby given that the usual Half-yearly MEETING of the Australian Alum Company, Limited, will be held at the Company's Offices, 3 Gresham-street, Sydney, on TUESDAY, the 16th day of February, 1897, at 4 o'clock p.m.
Business:
To receive the Directors' Report and Balance-sheet to the 30th June last, and to transact such other business as may be brought before the meeting in conformity with the Articles of Association.
By order of the Board,
HENRY S. FORSYTH,
Secretary.
Sydney, 3rd February.

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Fancy Coloured Madras Muslin, for Curtains, double width, 7½d, 9½d, 12½d yard.
White Lace Curtains, special lines, at 6s 6d, 10s 6d, 12s 6d pair.
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Torchon Lace Trimmed Tea and Side Cloths.
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Linen Brush and Comb Cases, 8½d.
Hand-stitched Nightdress Cases, 1s 0½d.
A few White Linen Damask Cloths, slightly soiled, at greatly reduced prices.

"Stationery, such as Paper and Envelopes," you must have; now is your time, we are clearing a lot of odd kinds; some of the boxes are a bit knocked about, but otherwise perfect. We are clearing the lot; "for instance," Correspondence Cards and Envelopes 3d per Box. Initial Stationery 7½d Box, usual price 1s 3d, &c., &c., &c.

"Remnants."—We have only just been able to measure up all the short lengths that have accumulated during the Sale; this morning they will be all marked half-prices, and displayed on the Remnant Tables. "Careful Mothers" will find some pickings in Washing and Dress Materials, Silks, and Household Goods that will pay to keep.

"Of course you have visited the Sale and inspected the Silks." Come again to-day, for we have another odd lot of Blouse Lengths we are going to let go very cheap. Always useful these Blouse Silks for the Theatre, Evening Parties, &c., "and just look at the prices." The lengths of 5 to 6 yards are marked down to 4s 11d, 6s 3d, 7s 6d, 9s 7d, and 12s 6d. The last lots.

"Ladies' Wrappers."—We have been talking about these for the last fortnight, simply because we are proud of the wonderful value we are offering the public. Nothing like them was ever seen in Sydney. We have still 1145 to sell, and we intend to see the back of them before our Sale closes. Therefore, as these goods speak for themselves, we shall not occupy your time further than to remark that everyone should see them (even though they do not purchase), and examine the cloth, make, shape, and prices, which are:—

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WANTED, by resp. MAN, groom, garden, milk, drive, 10 years' references. X. X., Herald.

WANTED, Situation as Governess, care of young children, Companion, or Lady Help. Useful, G.P.O.

YOUNG LADY refined, musical, &c., would like learn bar, country hotel or W. A. R. A., Post Office, Pad.

YOUNG Man wants SITUATION, all duties, sleep at home, wages no object. H. H., Herald Office.

YOUNG Man, married, steady, and reliable, seeks SITUATION as Store Hand, Night Watchman, or any position of trust, highest references. Apply The Reliance Employment Agency, 5 Hunter-street.

YOUNG Girl requires SITUATION, Pantry M. or Kitchenmaid. L. B., 29 Bathurst-st., city.

YOUNG Girl wants Situation, do light housework, in homely family. Miss Hill, Haymarket P.O., Sydney.

Servants Wanted.

A.—At the Servants' Home.—Best Situations open for Females and Males, all capacs. Can reside till suited.

A COMF. Home for young Girl, small wages. Netherley, West Crescent-st., Blue's Point (near Eaton's).

A GOOD SCULLERYMAN wanted. Apply Oxford Hotel, King-st.

A HOUSEMAID and Needlewoman (young), wanted. After 9 a.m., Mariola, Cambridge-st., Stanmore.

AT Y.W.C.A. H. M., Laundress, 16s; Nursery H. M., Goulburn, 10s; good Gens.; Gen., Richmond; Cook.

AT Mrs. Richardson's, 121 Castlereagh-st.—General, country hotel, no cooking; Waitress, H. and P. Maid.

A THOROUGH competent General Servant, refs., good wages. Apply first, Enmore News Agency, Enmore.

AT Mrs. Peters', top Hunter-st.—Working Housekeeper, bac. quarters. Miss N— call. G. S., 14s.

A YOUNG GENERAL required, family 3, refs. 7 Darlinghurst-road, near Macleay-st.

A YOUNG GIRL or middle-aged Person for general work. 7 Cannon-st., S. Annandale, nr. P'matta-rd.

A YOUNG GEN., 2 family, Neutral Bay; female Cook, 2 H. P. Maids. Mrs. Swanton, 102 Bathurst-st.

A YOUNG COOK and Laundress wanted; refs. Grand View Hotel, Oxford-st., Paddington, next Town Hall.

A.—COOK, 16s, gent.'s house, long refs., indis.; Cook and L., Liverpool, age 30, meet lady 12 o'clock; General, Restaurant, 12s; Bedroom Steward; Generals. Mrs. Andrews, Elite Registry, 75 Market-street.

AN active, middle-aged WOMAN required, to take charge of a home and young children, no servant, unquestionable references required. State age, salary, and religion to Father, Park-street Post-office.

AT Registry, Strathfield.—Married Couple, country, wife competent cook, laundress, man groom, &c., £65; Generals, 10s, 15s; Nursery Housemaids, 10s; useful Lads, 6s.

AT Miss Butler's, 118 Castlereagh-street.—Wanted, Woman COOK, gent.'s house, Double Bay, 17s; Cook and L., station, make bread and butter, 20s, splend. place; G. Ss., Cs. and Ls., H. P. Mds., Nursegirls (assist h'work).

BARMAID, country, 25s; General, hotel, 2 family, 14s; Housekeeper, 7s; elderly, 6s. 4 S Elizabeth-st.

BOYS wanted to pick tobacco leaf, wages 6s. Tobacco Store, Lackey-st., Darling Harbour.

COMPETENT LAUNDRESS, to assist in housework. Mrs. Lingen, Cleveland, Darling Point.

COOK and Laundress and Bake for station, Grenfell, meet lady 11, 4 in family. 83 Imp. Arcade.

COOK wanted, early dinners, for small ladies' cottage, 16s, no washing; H'md, 11s; meet lady. 76 Hunter-st.

EXP. Cook, 20s; K. Maid, sub.; C. L., 2 w.; H. P. Maid, 16s, near Penrith; Mother and Daughter, £60; young Cook, 18s; H. P. Maid, 12s, 2 fam., sub.; 4 H. P. Maids, 10s, 12s, country; H. Maid, Laundress, 16s; 6 C. L., 15s, 16s, country; sev. G. Servants, 10s, 15s; exp. Nurse and N.; 2 H. [illegible] and N., 12s, city; useful Girls, N. Girls; 2 M. Couples, farm, plough, milk, wife w. housekeeper; Cook, sta., 20s; P. Cook, 10s; Waiter, 20s. 110 Bathurst-st.

FIRST-CLASS Dress and Shirt Ironer, also Starcher. French Laundry, 143 Waverley-rd., Woollahra.

FOR GOSFORD.—Wanted, a thorough General Servant, must be able to cook, wash, no ironing, for a tourist house, wages 12s per week. Apply Gosford Club Hotel, Castlereagh-street, near King-street.

GARDENER wanted, generally useful, 6s, good home. Mr. Laing, 247 George-st., opp. Bridge-st.

GENERAL, for lady and son, 12s; H. P., 10s; Cook, L., 14s, no washing; smart Girl. Mrs. Gaier, 276 Vict.-st.

GENERAL, 3 in family, refs. After 9, Mrs. G. Davis, Hempstead, 27 West-st., Petersham.

GENERAL COOK, wash, small family. 100 Castlereagh-st., Redfern, opposite Park, 2 to 3.

GENERAL, young, good cook, at once. Mrs. White, 252 Elizabeth-st., Belmore Park.

GENERAL, for 2 in fam., cottage, 12s; Nursery H'md and Gen'l, 10s, 12s, 3 in fam., easy pl. 76 Hunter-st.

GOOD General SERVANT, small family, personal references, wages 10s. Whitby, Avenue-rd., Mosman.

GOOD General SERVANT, no shirts, references. Mrs. Little, Telopea, Devonshire-st., Croydon.

GOOD GENERAL, must cook and wash well, sleep at home; refs. 6 Dover-st., Summer Hill.

GOOD H. and P. Md., stn., Narrabri district, 12s; meet lady 11, must start to-night, good pl. Y.W.C.A.

GIRL wanted, to keep house (Burwood), for Married Couple, easy place, wages 6. Apply between 10 and 12 a.m.,
[illegible] George-street, city.

HAMPDEN Agency, 484 Elis.-st., Sry. Hills.—Wanted, good Gen.; also Girl, 12, mind baby, wages 3s wk.

HOUSEMAID Waitress, good hotel, M'ns.; H. P'md., Randwk.; young Gen'l, 8s, D'hurst. 76 Hunter-st.

HOUSE Parlour Maid, station, 12s, good place. Eulo House, Blue-st., Lavender Bay.

HOUSE and Parlour MAID for Richmond River, 12s; Waitress, 14s, sleep in hotel, up line; Cook and L., p. hotel, 15s, Randw'k; 4 House and P. Maids, Armidale 15s, Albury 14s, Cooma 15s, Tamworth. Hirtman, 83 Imp. Arc.

LADY HELP wanted, for station, to needlework, &c., servants kept. Apply Manager, 72 Castlereagh-st.

LIGHT SITUATION offered resp. Gen., fam. 3 adults, all duties. Open 2 days. Homely, King-st., Herald.

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MOTHER, Daughter (19), station, £40, work between them. Eulo House, Blue-st., Lavender Bay.

MAN as Gardener and Caretaker, Mountain cottage.
Mrs. GARRAN,
6 Barncleuth-square,
Elizabeth Bay, before half-past 10.

NURSE.—Wanted, respectable GIRL, as nurse and assist in housework, one infant, personal refs. required. Apply after 10.30 a.m. Mrs. F. Evans, 27 Smith-street, Summer Hill.

PASTRYCOOK, 40s, first-class hotel; Waiter, 25s, 20s. Mountains. At once. 110 Bathurst-st.

RESPECTABLE GIRL, 14, wanted, assist light housework, sleep at home. 47 Donnelly-st., Balmain.

RESPECT. y. Person, as G. SERV., w'ng and i'ng; refs. Mrs. S. Thompson, Bothay, Abbotsford-rd., Hm'bush.

RESPECTABLE BOY, used to horsework and garden, 6s and found.
Mr. HEWETT, Moruben-road,
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SMART H. and P. MAID, refs. Porthamel, Eastbourne rd., Darling Point, before 10 o'clock.

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THOROUGH GENERAL wanted, plain cooking, no shirts. 94 Victoria-st. N.

THOROUGHLY competent LAUNDRESS, ironing only, living vicinity; references.
Presbyterian Ladies' College,
Croydon.

USEFUL GIRL wanted. Apply after 10 o'clock, Star Hotel, George-st., Redfern.

WAITRESS, for Dining-room. Palace Hotel, 742 George-st., 9 to 10 to-day. References.

WANTED, respectable GENERAL, refs. required. Apply, after 9, 57 Denham-st., Glebe.

WANTED, a young Girl as General SERVANT, references. 574 George-st.

WANTED, strong, steady LAD, orders, useful. Geo. Hawke, Harris and John sts., Pyrmont.

WANTED, good General SERVANT. Apply, 9 a.m., Albion Hotel, corner Elizabeth and Campbell sts.

WANTED, a strong, clean GIRL, 17, for general work, no washing or cooking. After 9, 632 Bourke-st., S. H.

WANTED, respectable Person to take a family's Washing, lowest prices, &c. Mater, Post-office, Glebe.

WANTED, General SERVANT, at once, age about 30 to 40 years. No. 5 St. John's-rd., Forest Lodge.

WANTED, 2 smart Folders; also Starch Ironers. Imperial Laundry, 9 Hereford-st., Glebe.

WANTED, immediately young girl as light General, small family. 40 Wigram-rd., Glebe Point.

WANTED, compt. young General SERVANT. Apply after 9 a.m., 507 Glebe Point-rd., tram terminus.

WANTED, a good Girl as GENERAL. Apply early No. 19 Bourke-st., Redfern.

WANTED, General SERVANT, hotel. Apply Freebairn's Hotel, George-st., Camperdown.

WANTED, middle-aged Woman as General, 3 in family. 11 a.m., Elizabeth Cottage, Croydon-avenue.

WANTED, smart General, all duties. Apply to-day Kilrea, Tranmere-st., Drummoyne, nr. P. school.

WANTED, a PANTRYMAID. Apply early, G. Sargent, 11 Hunter-st., city.

WANTED, a smart, respectable, Restaurant WAITRESS. Apply 24 Bossley-terr., Lower Domain.

WANTED, respectable Girl as GENERAL, small family. 122 The Boulevard, Lewisham Hill.

WANTED, GENERAL, 25, good plain cook and washer indispensable, Protestant. 8 Fitzroy-st., Newtown.

WANTED, thoroughly respectable young General S., 2 fam. Mrs. Martin, Rotorua, Raglan-st., Mosm.

WANTED, General SERVANT, 3 children, 7s. week. Mrs. Garland, Haroldene, Morgan-st., Petersham.

WANTED, trained, healthy General Servant. Apply personally, Mrs. Carroll, Endeavour-st., Sans Souci.

WANTED, a General SERVANT, comfortable home, small salary. Apply 159 Elizabeth-st., Paddington.

WANTED, a COOK for ship Amphitrite, at M'Ilwraith's Wharf. Apply on board before 9.30 a.m.

WANTED, respectable middle-aged Woman, look aft. child, assist, wages sm. Aft. 2, 98 Wilson-st., Ntn.

WANTED, Nursery Housemaid, Protestant. Apply morn., Mrs. Griffiths, Arlee, Wallis-st., Woollahra.

WANTED, good General, C. and L., H. M., Nursegirls, high wages. R. Doyle, Registry Office, Burwd.

WANTED, respectable trustworthy GIRL, assist small family in household. 7 Gt. Buckingham-st., Red'n.

WANTED, a General Servant, country girl or woman pref., one not frightened of work. 41 Park-st.

WANTED, a respectable old Man as Watchman and useful, also Kitchenman. 242 George-st.

WANTED at once, Shirt Ironer, must polish well. Mrs. Cochrane, Chatswood Laundry, Gore Hill.

WANTED, YOUTH, accus. to dairy produce trade. Apply, with refs., 11 a.m., 372 Oxford-st., Padd'ton.

WANTED, useful GIRL, about 14. Apply 12a Glenmore-rd., Paddington.

WANTED, good General SERVANT. Apply Elmville, 311 Glebe-rd., Glebe Point.

WANTED, young MAN, to make himself useful, must be sober. Australian Youth Hotel, Bay-st., Glebe.

WANTED, a smart HOUSEMAID. Apply Olive Bank, Hesley-st., Padd'ngton.

WANTED, a HOUSEMAID, ref. Apply Oaklands, 15 Kellett-st.

WANTED, good smart MAN, billiards, general useful. Nicholls, Masonic Hotel, Petersham.

WANTED, a GIRL, about 14, assist housework, small wage. 10 a.m., 27 Oxford-st., Kingston, Newtown.

WANTED, first-class Shirt and Collar IRONER. Oxford Laundry, 30 Glenmore-rd., Paddington.

WANTED, General Servants, Housemaids, Girls to assist; g. wages. Mrs. Lee, op. Town Hall, Pad'ton.

WANTED, good Shirt and Starch IRONERS. Apply Lilywhite Laundry, Mill Hill-rd., Waverley.

WANTED, smart LAD, orders and useful. Palace Meat Emporium, William-st.

WANTED, thorough General SERVANT, no washing. Mrs. T. Rowntree, Stack-st., Balmain East.

WANTED, resp. Girl, 15, general, easy place, good home, 5s week. Simpson, sad., Denison-st., Rozelle.

WANTED, thor'ly respect. Woman, Prot., all duties, no family, refs. Apply 59 Stewart-st., Paddington.

WANTED, a smart Girl as General SERVANT. Apply to Mrs Collins, Leichhardt-st., Waverley.

WANTED, a respectable GIRL for general housework, sleep at home. 12 [illegible]-st., Darlinghurst.

WANTED, at once, HOUSEMAID, must have good refs. Apply after 9 o'clock, 213 Victoria-st., D'hurst.

WANTED, COOK and Laundress, references. Mrs Himmelhoch, Rose Had, 184 Forbes-st., off Wm.-st.

WANTED, domesticated Help, Dressmaker, ladies only, 2 servants kept, refs. 80 Darlinghurst-rd.

WANTED, MAN to clean boots and generally useful. Apply Meryla, 217a Macquarie-st., near King-st.

WANTED, IRONERS. Meppom's Burwood Laundry, Victoria-st., Burwood.

WANTED, thorough Cook and Laundress, reference required. Wynola, top of Redmyre-rd., Strathfield.

WANTED, an active H. and P. MAID. Apply, with refs., after 9 o'clock, 44 Bridge-st., corner Young st.

WANTED, a respectable young woman as HOUSEMAID. Apply 10 o'clock, Coach and Horses, R'wick.

WANTED, a strong GIRL, about 16. Apply 110 Young-st., Annandale.

WANTED, COOK and LAUNDRESS for the country. 52 Macleay-st., Potts Point.

WANTED, a good General SERVANT at once. Apply Mrs. W. Stone, Cowper-st., Waverley.

WANTED young General SERVANT, small family. Cheviot, Homebush-rd., Homebush.

WANTED, respectable General SERVANT, 3 in fam., 8s; references. 41 Henson-st., Summer Hill.

WANTED, respect. strong Girl or Woman, housework, one child, gd. home, small wages. 221 Castlereagh-st.

WANTED, a young GIRL, to assist in light housework. Apply 60 Great Barcom-st., Darlinghurst.

WANTED for station, General SERVANT, small fam., £1, fare paid, North line. 83 Imperial Arcade.

WANTED, good GENERAL, for small family, no shirts. 60 Queen-st., Woollahra.

WANTED, smart GIRL, for refreshment room. 85 Market-st.

WANTED, bright, cheerful Mother's Help, all duties, fond of children. After 9, 223 Oxford-st., D'hurst.

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Servants Wanted.

WANTED, good GENERAL, no shirts. Apply Anning, care Mr. G. Fooks, W. Botany-st., [illegible]

WANTED, a General SERVANT for Sydenham. Apply 153 Regent-st., Redfern, after 10 a.m.

WANTED, a respectable PERSON, for light house work, wages 5s. W. A. H., Haymarket P.O.

WANTED, a GIRL for housework. [illegible], Crown-rd., Ultimo.

WANTED, a BOY to milk and useful about dairy. Apply H. Ramage, Campbell-st., St. Peters.

WANTED, first-class Shirt and Blouse IRONER. Parisian Laundry, 86 Pitt-st., Redfern.

WANTED, Nurse Woman to attend to an infant male, 8 months old. Apply 32 Elizabeth-st., [illegible]

WANTED, smart LAD, to travel with hawker. [illegible], Redfern.

WANTED, BOY, 16, for generally useful. [illegible] Factory, 200 Lower George-st.

WANTED, good General SERVANT. 6 [illegible] st., Moore Park.

WANTED, young person as H. Maid, also one all gen. work. After 9, Norfolk House, [illegible]

WANTED, two GIRLS, keep room tidy and help, 6d week each. 94 Hunter-st., city.

WANTED, competent young COOK and LAUNDRESS, references required. Apply [illegible] Mrs. SELWOOD SMYTH, Woodlands, corner of [illegible] Forth-street and Edgecliff-road, Woollahra.

WANTED, a young LADY for a country hotel, [illegible] be experienced, but musical; meet lady 11. [illegible] Musical Lady Help. £50. Same place.
HITTMANN'S L. A., 83 Imperial Arcade.

WANTED, 2 Friends, hotel up line, South, as COOK and Laundress, other Housemaid, wages [illegible] to exp. servants; meet lady 2 sharp.
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WANTED, elderly MAN, with some knowledge of gardening, to live on premises. Apply, with testimonials as to character, to ELLISON'S [illegible], Flood-street, Bondi.

WANTED, GIRL about 17, to Train as Housemaid, Protestant. Apply, with references,
Mrs. HAROLD TRAILL, Loyra Downs,
Nicholson-street, [illegible]

WANTED, a PARLOUR MAID, personal references. Apply between 10 and 2 o'clock p.m., Mrs. FRENCH, Stonleigh, Upper Dowling-street, Darlinghurst.

WANTED, for Moss Vale, competent General SERVANT, housemaid kept, references.
Mrs. R. E. O'CONNOR,
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WANTED, a Housemaid and Needlewoman who lived at Karoola, Edgecliff, to call on
Mrs. WEIGALL,
Headingley, Woollahra.

WANTED, thorough competent General SERVANT. Apply after 5 o'clock,
Mrs. HAROLD THOMPSON, [illegible],
Abbotsford-road, Homebush.

WANTED, thoroughly competent GENERAL, about 30, for the country, two in family. Apply
Hotel Arcadia, [illegible],
between 2 and 3 o'clock.

WANTED, a good strong country girl as General SERVANT, for Lindfield, North Sydney; [illegible] days. Apply by letter first to
G. P. A., Lindfield.

WANTED, thoroughly-experienced GENERAL, plain cook and laundress, wages 12s. References, with age, &c., to the Matron A. M. Hospital, Wollongong.

WANTED for Bowral, competent HOUSEMAID and Laundress. Apply
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WANTED, a MAN to take charge of a launch.
Steam, Herald Office.

Will S. S. RICHARDS, late of the Farm, communicate [illegible]

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WANTED, 12 good Generals, 10s to 16s, for town and suburbs; Cook and Laundress, H'maids, Nurse H'maids, useful Girls; Boys, for town and country.
Mrs. HEMSLEY, L. Agency, 122 Strand.

WANTED, good strong GENERAL, must be able to wash. Apply Gosford Club Hotel,
Castlereagh-street,
near King-street. [illegible]

WANTED, Cook Laundress, Needlewoman, [illegible] suit 2 sisters; Housemaids, suburbs, [illegible] Gen. Servants. M. Couple, station, Barmaids, [illegible] handy Men, Pianist, country. THE RELIANCE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY, Peel's-chambers, 5 Hunter-street. Branch, Alexander-st., North Sydney. [illegible]

WANTED, Laundress, assist house, 14s, hotel, [illegible] 5 Cook and Laundress, 14s, private [illegible] 5 General Servant (no cooking), 15s, 14s, hotel, [illegible] Housemaid and Laundress, 15s, hotel, country; [illegible] Servants, 15s, 18s, stations; 5 Housemaids and Waitresses, 18s, hotel, country. SIMMONDS, 198 Castlereagh-street.

WANTED, Man Cooks, £1 (station); a Waiter, [illegible] steward pref., hotel, near town; 1 Farming [illegible] milk, plough, 15s, 12s; a Houseman, 12s [illegible], country; a Pantryman, 12s, hotel, country; 2 Milkers [illegible] deliver, 15s, 10s; 5 Baker's Improvers, [illegible] and country; a Married Couple, wife Cook and Laundress, man groom, milk, ride, kill, £65, station.
SIMMONDS, 198 Castlereagh-street.

YOUNG GIRL, about 14, to assist light housework and baby. Mrs. Hunn, Bishop's-avenue, Randwick.

YOUTH wanted, to deliver goods and look after horse. J. W. Crabbe and Sons, Canister Factory, Balmain.

YOUNG Woman wanted as COOK, refs. indispensable. Mr. R. Teece, Tauranga, Wolseley-rd., Point Piper.

YOUNG GIRL as general help, sleep at home. [illegible] Crown-st., Surry Hills, after 9.

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